ARIMASPIAN

1985

aaam,

i know i wrote once allready but i just had to tell you that you are very special to me! and i love you very much, lets stay close forever and remember the fun and not the hurt (from others) i love you very much! Lisa "U"

lisa vettinger
21 geesman Terr.
Pomona, n.y 10970
(354-4990)

Dear Adam,
hi! whats up? I'm really glad we became such good friends this year & can't wait to become even better friends this summer. I luv ya much over breaks!
Luv ya
Alyssa
425-1995
call me!

Adam, Good health, best wishes in meeting nice people and having what ever fun you can! I wish you all the best of luck in the future.
Sincerely,
Jane Adams

ADAM-
HEAHH WAS EXTREMELY FUN
- THNX IN PART TO YOU
- HAVE A GREAT TIME IN
WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE TO
DO IN LIFE.
...NEVER TAKE SHIT
FROM ANYONE
PEACE
TOM SIMONELLI

ADAM, U R SUCH A SWEETHEART. I'M REALLY GLAD WE'VE BECOME SUCH GOOD FRIENDS THIS YEAR. I'M SURE WE'LL BE GOOD FRIENDS FOR A LONG TIME. I'M SORRY YOU'RE LEAVING US. I'LL MISS YOU. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER & GOOD LUCK IN COLLEGE. I'LL MISS YOU. LOVE YA, LISA

ADAM- I'M SORRY YOU'RE LEAVING US. I'LL MISS YOU. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER & GOOD LUCK IN COLLEGE. I'LL MISS YOU. LOVE YA, LISA

6-11-85
9:30

Dear Adam?
Hi, how are ya? all
I've known you
semester, but I finally
got to understand you We
have a lot in common Well talk
about that next time... Why do you
think I am weird? I think your marvelous and
you have a great personality
person and I like you. You have a great personality
and fun to be with. You're O.K. in my book and kind- of
I don't know how I made it 17 years without some
one really lucky for me knowing me. I know I feel bad for
went thru life without meeting me. I know I feel bad for
then too. It was sorry to hear about your kidney problem. It
couldn't have happened to a nice, sweeter, lovelier person. I wish
you good looking, easy going summer I can't afford to lose you at a
you over there and I don't know how I can go on without you
and I need you so much. I'm falling in like with
what to do about it. I had a great time
fun I can't believe you don't have any scotch
girls one but there again
you. I'm a good person with
nice life.

Love Ren

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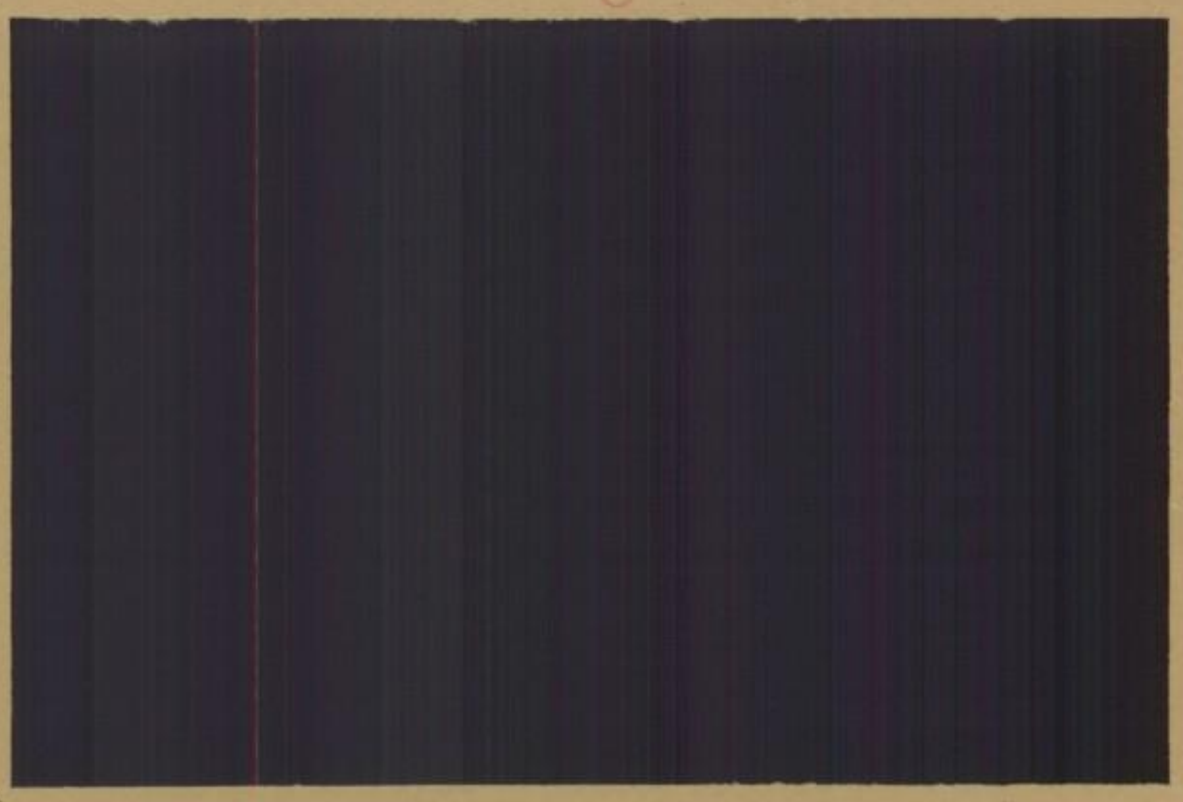

Our Living Masterpiece

22 Bancroft Drive Sx NY
10974

Adam,
I was pondering
you were my
little brother
and I remembered
the Pomona
Lady - I'd
was a
I love
true
you're

Once
or
my
Pomona
twice
that
you
always
a very special kid.

I love you -
Jennifer

Best
You're a
please

P.S. 33408376
32 Tee La
Spring Valley 10977

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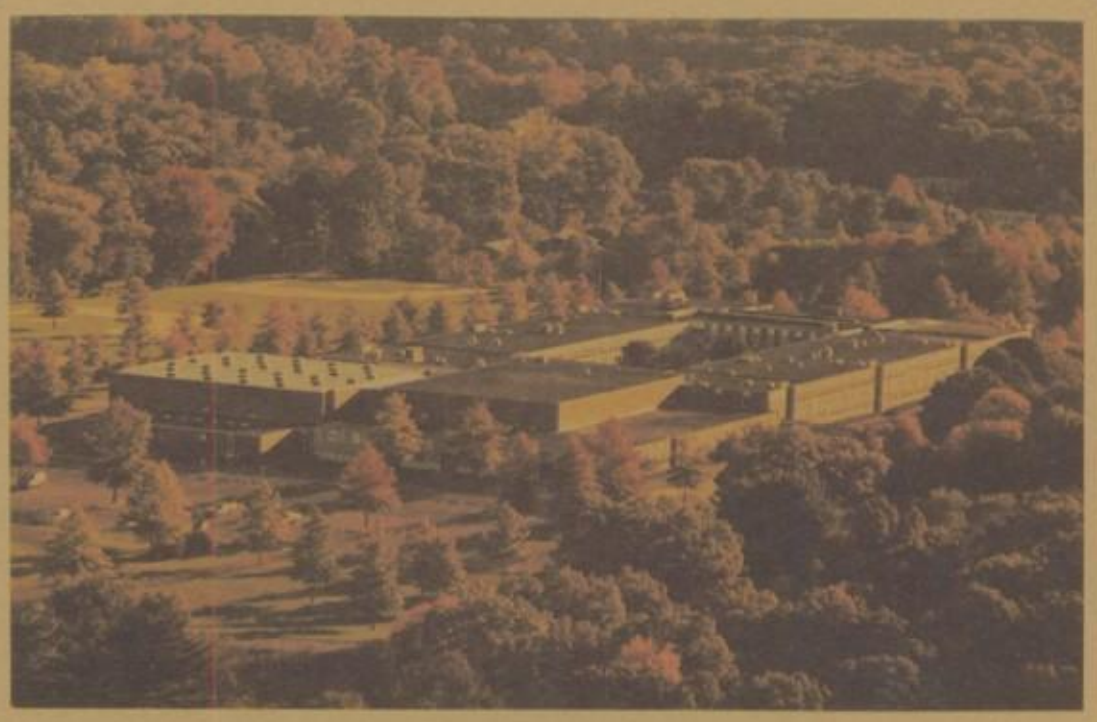
Ramapo Senior High School

1985 Arimaspian

Volume 17

Adam Adam Adam
well we made it! yea. alright now that straight. (?) we'll each other again some distant future!
time in the really cool. I have
listen its been good time hanging
definatly had a best for you
out - I hope of your self!
in the future. - take good care JB
luv ya (Jeanette)



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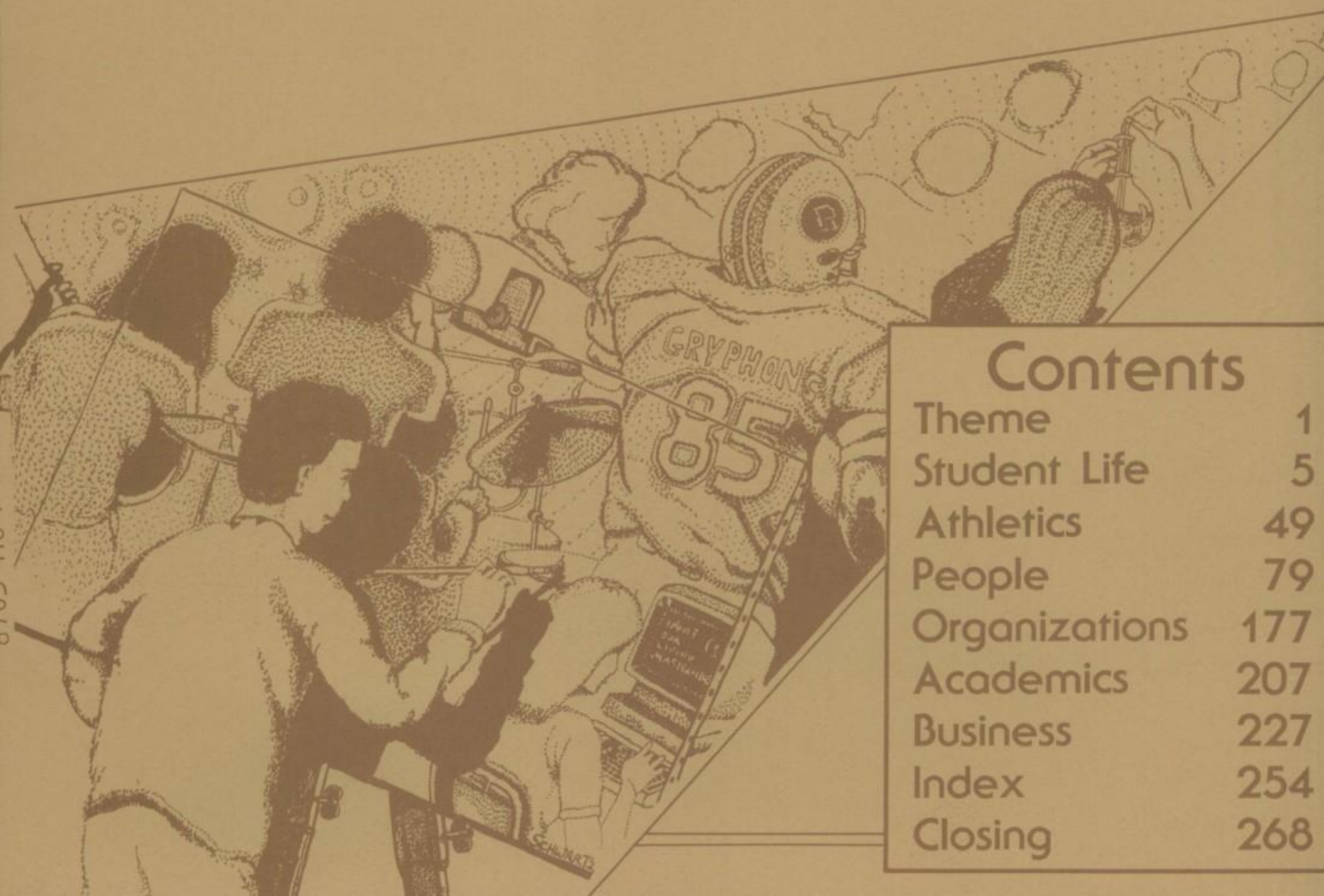
Our Living Masterpiece

Any discipline can boast of its masterpieces. Numerous such works have been created, and many more will be in the future. This, however, does not mean to imply that a significant masterpiece in any field is a common, everyday sort of thing; much to the contrary, the scarcity of such outstanding work is overwhelming. What contributes to the greatness of any "masterpiece"?

To answer this question, we must first consider the multitude of work which has not received magnificent acclaim in our time. Why have so many works failed to establish themselves in the collective "mind" of the world? In the majority of cases, the reason will be found in the fact that these works gradually become "dated" and can no longer serve the needs and ideas of contemporary society. Thus their artistic merit diminishes to the point where they can be admired from a distance, but no longer felt in the hearts of mankind. Their power to convey meaning has been seriously impaired, for they express the concerns and emotions of a distant generation, lost in the vastness of time. Any work, in order always to serve society, must have an inherent pliability which can focus its energy of communication against the hypnotic obliterating waves of time which it will surely encounter. If a masterpiece happens to be one composed of caring, concerned people in mutual cooperation striving toward creation of a more enlightened and educated society, it will always be alive, constantly full of energy in order to redefine its goals. Variations in its outlook will enable it to fully serve the needs and concerns of each successive generation, and, in fact, each individual.

What better example than a school? And not just any school, but Ramapo Senior High School. With an overwhelming quantity of concerned leaders, guiding inquisitive and loyal disciples, our school contains the core material of such a "chef-d'oeuvre." We comprise a living masterpiece. A nearly all-encompassing range of topics of study reflecting the world in which we live enables us to metamorphose ourselves into informed and valuable well-rounded members of society, who are able to make decisions and intelligently interact with others as well as with our community.



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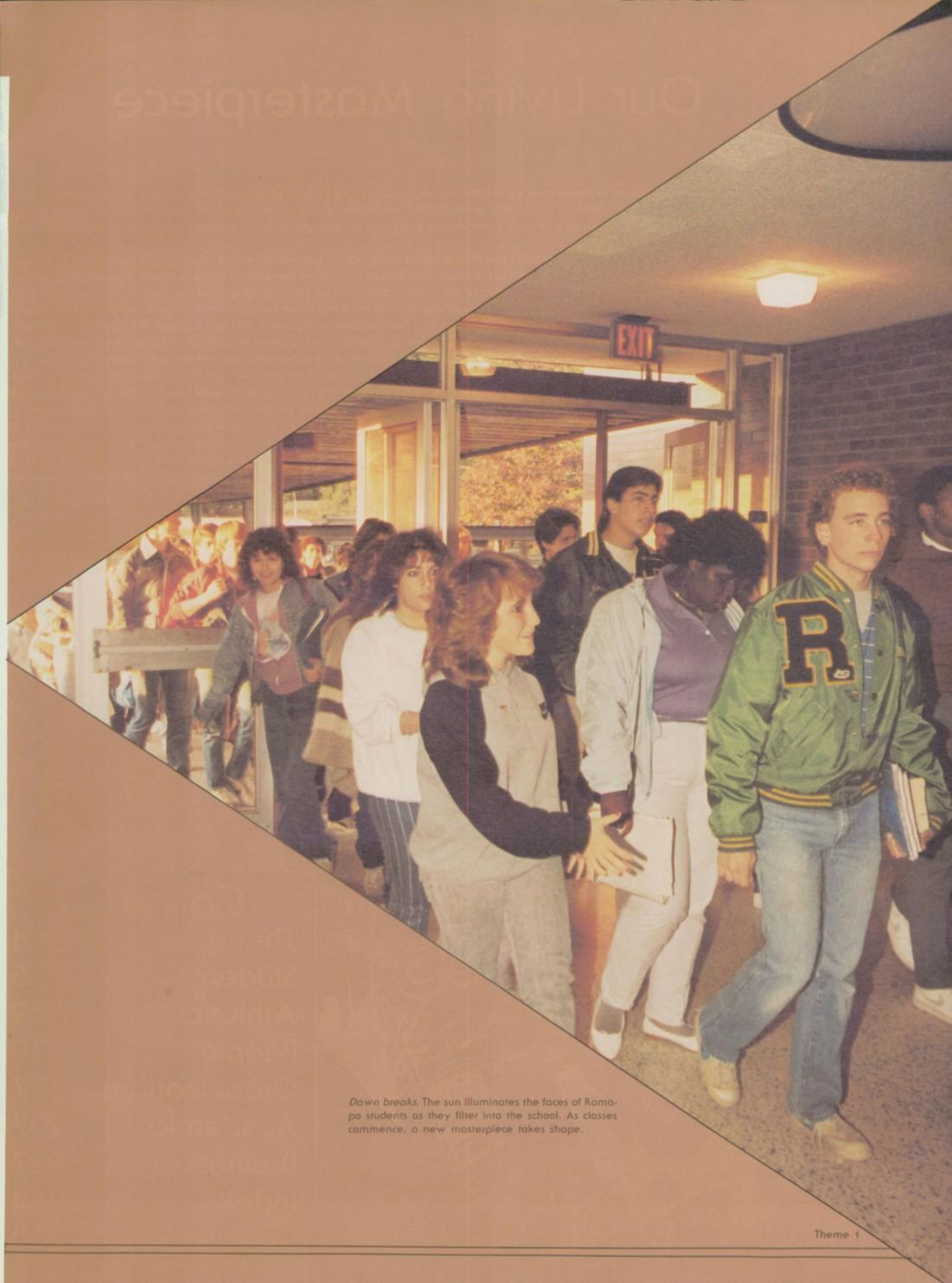
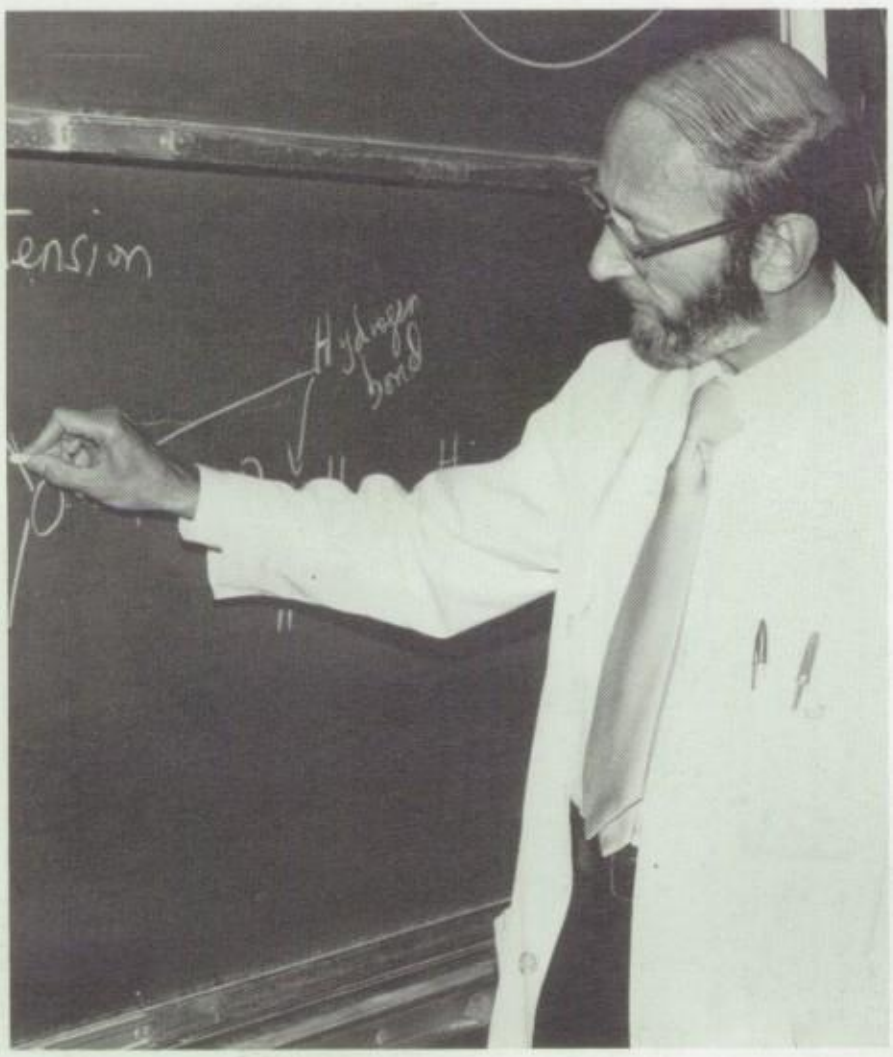


Dawn breaks. The sun illuminates the faces of Ramapo students as they filter into the school. As classes commence, a new masterpiece takes shape.

In the write. Stacey Wolf concentrates on her creative writing.

Brushing up. Robert Liberace puts the finishin touches on his mural.

The bond that ties. Mr. Gross demonstrates how water is formed.



The Work Inspires, Enlightens And Educates Our Community

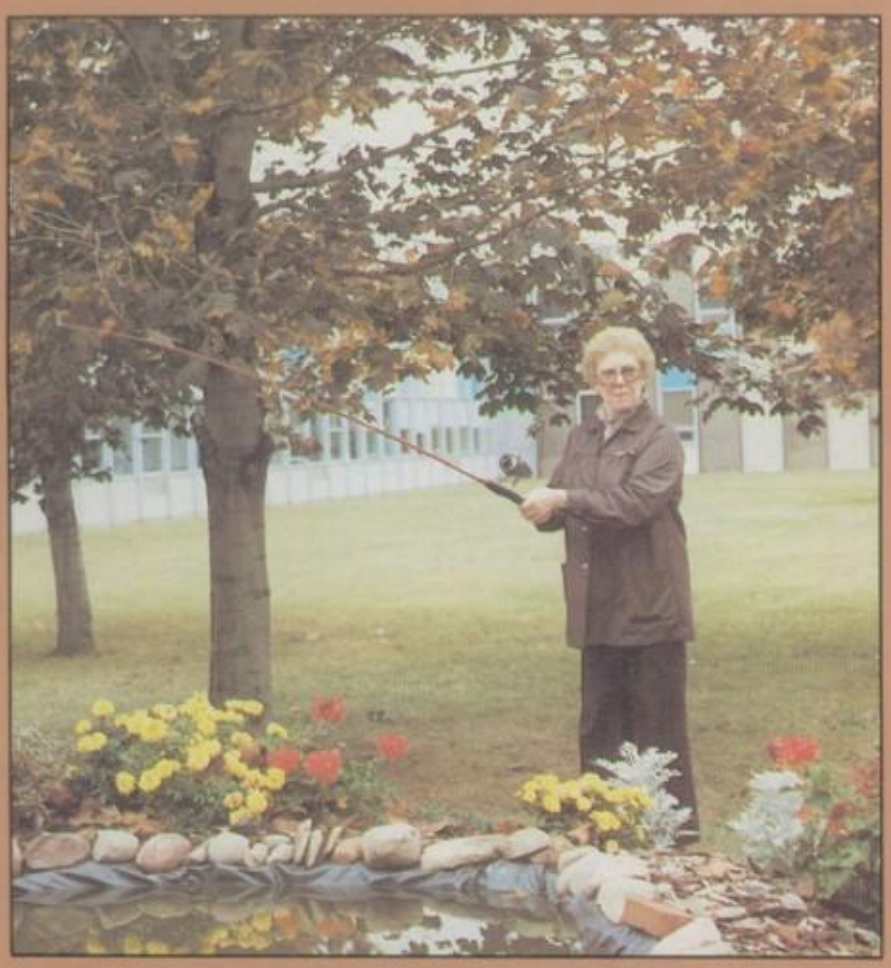
There is, as well, an extraordinary diversity of extra-curricular sports and activities to develop further the individual in areas of his or her own choosing. The opportunities for development of intercultural cognizance is outstanding: Ramapo is populated by students of amazingly varied upbringing in a grand variety of countries and/or cultures. Ramapo also sponsors no less than three exchange programs with European nations whose native languages are taught in our school, as well as an annual trip to some other country, such as the Soviet Union or China. Clearly, Ramapo is an interdisciplinary school which strives to integrate aspects of the real world in order to create a student body that is more enlightened and sensitive. The facilities in Ramapo, such as the library or audio-visual equipment, in addition to a knowledgeable and helpful administrative staff and faculty, aid each individual in procuring as much individual benefit from this environment as possible. Each person may develop aspects of himself during the formative years spent at Ramapo.

The great pyramid. Laurie Sussman, Jennifer Damien, Daryl Kaser, Helena Studnitzer, Jill Heller, Bonnie Gross, Rona Simon, Shari Lubin, and Wendy Grill take a break in the shade before catching the bus home. Like the pyramids of Ancient Egypt, friendships made at Ramapo will last forever.

The Work Is Alive!

Learning is, perhaps, the most noble of all arts, as well as the one most pertinent to the life of each human being within a society. Ramapo, as a living masterpiece, contains the will, energy, and resources necessary to practice this art at a superior level and bring each individual to intimate contact with it. Ideas and concepts will continually change Ramapo, nuance by nuance, and keep it consistently relevant and important in educating the contemporary society. The willingness to change and the willingness of students to partake in and contribute to this educational incubator make it stand out as a model of greatness in human interaction, benefitting all those who come in contact with it. Ramapo will never become an antiquated relic, or an impersonal institutional "machine." It will continually represent an educational society with the energy to strive toward perfection in comprehensive human development. As well as giving to every one of us, Ramapo will always retain the gifts that each individual has contributed to the school. In this respect, Ramapo is a true, working model of a living masterpiece.

Guiding light. In the recently expanded career center, Mrs. Rosen helps Tina Payne find the right college.



Reaching for the sky. Jeff Smith puts forth his greatest effort as he attempts to perfect his frisbee technique.

Nuclear fishin'. This year, the construction of a biological pond added to the beauty as well as the scientific resources of Ramapo.

Dear Adam,

Isn't it great that we are finally graduating!! You know that you will never get your jacket back, but we'll forget about it, won't we! You are a great person, with a great personality and I only the best in the future. Take good care!!

Love,
Malou

Canvas Impressions

Backyard antics at Ramapo. In their leisure time, Gryphons enjoy a good ol' snowball fight.

With so much going on in our lives, we did not realize that our high school years are what we will eventually consider our "good old days." Just as our parents looked back on their high school days, and reminisced about their old friends, the fads of the time, the music they listened to, and the good times they had, so will we look back and remember what made student life at Ramapo special and unique. We were fast on the way to becoming adults, yet still laughed at silly inside jokes, played games, and enjoyed the company of best friends. These memories will form a painting in our mind's eye, more precious than gold.

Our days at Ramapo were filled with exciting events, special friendships, and good times. While there were days when the going got rough, on the whole we enjoyed the aspects of high school that make it a time to remember. Such things as music, fashion, and television were most appreciated and we thoroughly enjoyed the

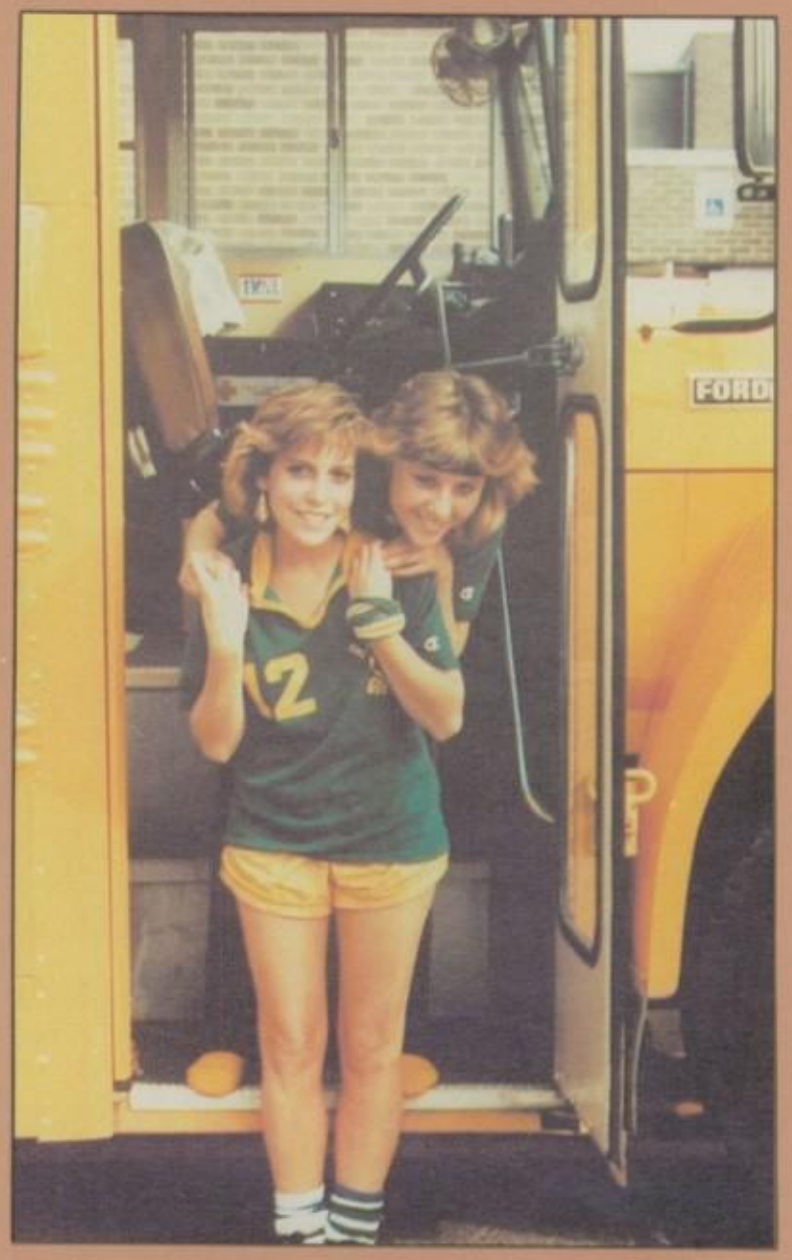
freedom to take part in the everyday craziness that new fads presented.

This section is a representation of what made these our "good old days." Someday, when we tell our children about what we remember of these years, and they laugh at the funny hairstyles, clothes, and social activities that were a part of our lives, we will be able to look back and see exactly why they were so special to us, and how they contributed to the better part of our lives.

Student Life

irited sophomores. Debbie Roloff, Erika Friedan, Pamela Paroff and Lisa Pepe are dressed for e occasion.

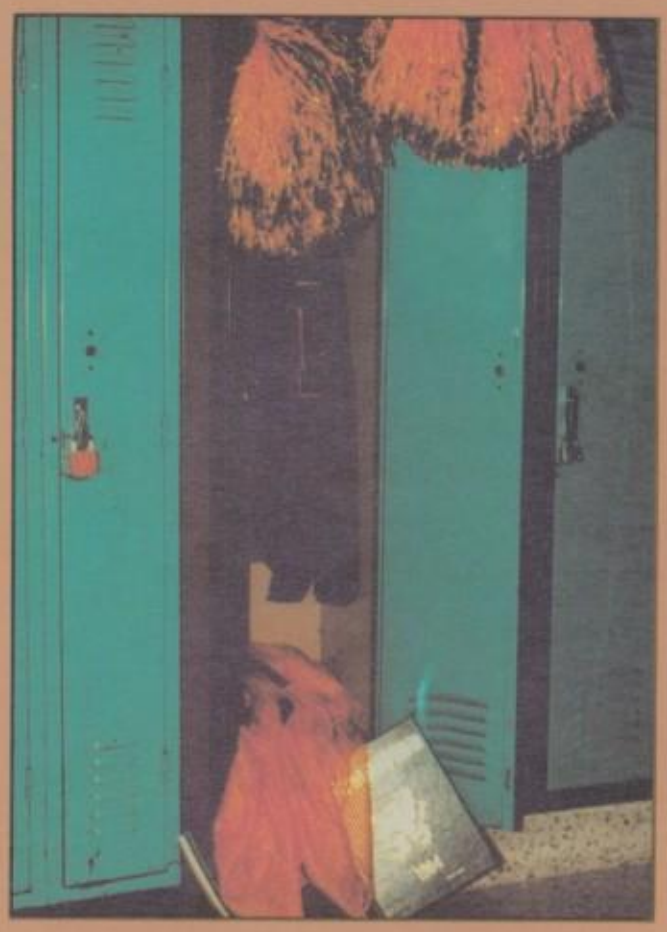
Would you drive this bus? Gillian Issacs and Jill Dworkis are ready to play for the green machine in a golden game.



lally green. Soccer coach Ron Garzia sports a green shirt and whistle chain.

All decked out. Senior Lauren Neufeld takes pride in Ramapo and her spirit is manifested in her green and gold garb.

Pot of gold. Witness this locker brimming with the green and gold objects that reflect Ramapo's spirit.



Our Spirit Shines Through

At a time when school spirit was practically nonexistent in many schools, Ramapo students expressed great pride in their school this year. The school colors, green and gold, held special meaning for us, and we were proud to display them in every respect. Gold represented the shining enthusiasm and uniqueness of each individual, and spring green symbolized the promised growth and constant renewal with hope for the future. Whether it was the green and gold of the cheerleader's pyramids, the hues of the football team's uniforms or the students and teachers incorporating the colors in their everyday school clothes, all were proud to display their school colors loudly and boldly, as if to say, "This is my school and I'm proud to be a part of it!". The colors green and gold will always hold special memories for the Class of 1985; memories of the high school that was truly a part of us.

Reebok till you drop. Although originally intended for aerobics, Reeboks have become stylish to be worn anytime.

'85 At Its Best

Were you out of it in '85? Did you feel behind the times? Have trouble keeping up with technology? Were you still playing Pacman? Wearing your Sasson jeans? If you answered "yes" to any or all of the above questions, then these guidelines were of great assistance to the behind-the-times-student in you. Although you may have felt behind the times, in some aspects you were actually decades ahead. Styles have always had a habit of repeating themselves years later. While short haircuts and hightops are reminiscent of the 50's, rhinestones and bob haircuts are characteristic of the 20's. The rise and fall of hair length, hemlines on pants, skirts, and shirts was witnessed with the dramatic initiation of "new" styles. The following tells us what was in when something else went out. But due to the transient times in which we live, listings such as the following are temporary and subject to change. By the way, lists that dictate trends were definitely out!

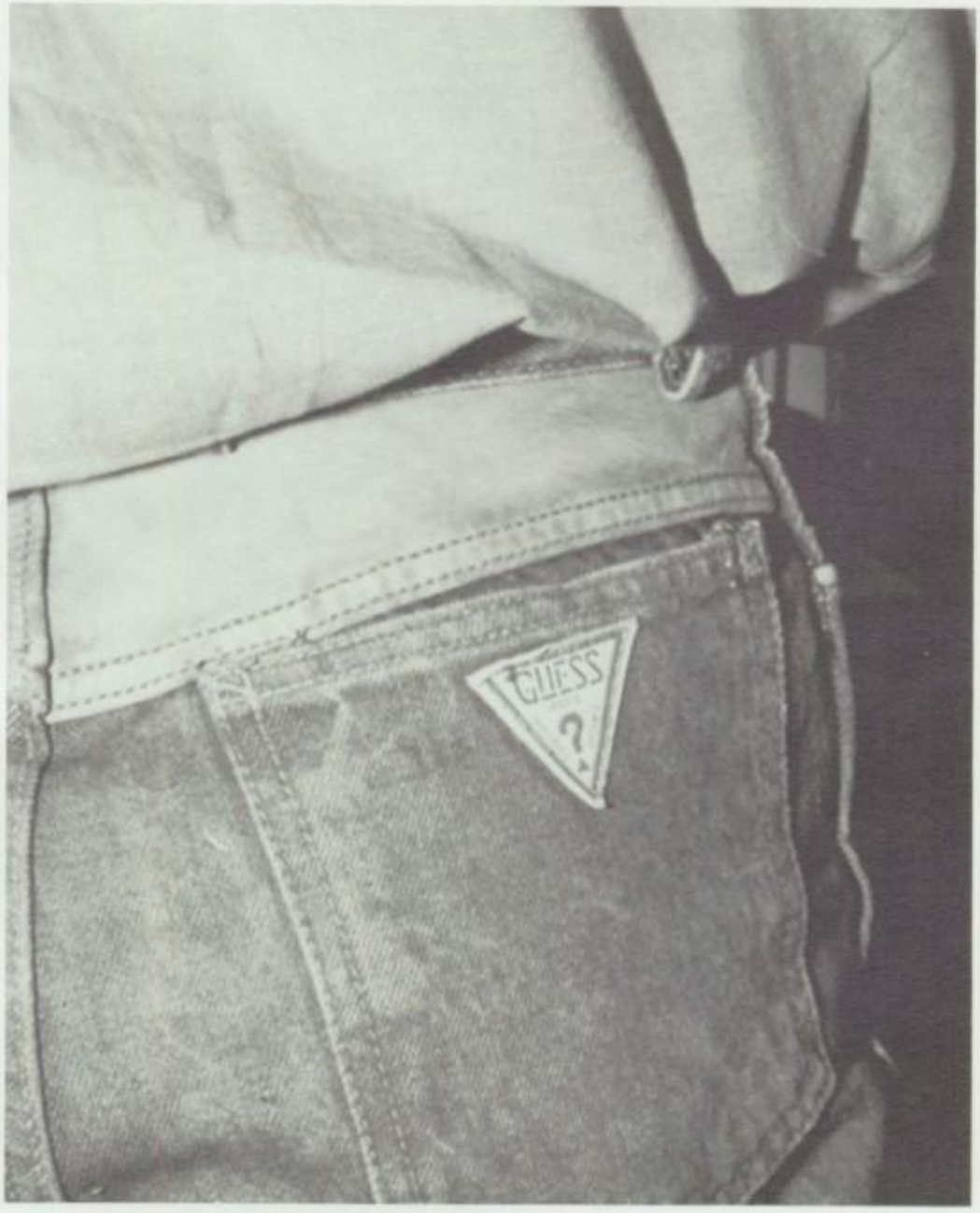
Ins And Outs

Now	Then
cassettes	eight track
contacts and shades	glasses
videos	homework
potato skins	french fries
break dancing	the Hustle
Guess	Sasson
aerobics	calisthenics
rhinestones	diamonds
four belts	one belt
Latin	English
Converse hightops	low tops
hacky sack	hand ball
"two disc drives or one?"	"What's your sign?"
short hair	long hair
Swatch watches	calculator watches
Reeboks	Nikes
designer shirts	concert t-shirts
All My Children	General Hospital
diet coke	Tab
styling mousse	chocolate mousse

Swatch time is it? Swatch out Rolex: here come the Swatch watch.

The wild boys. The most popular group on Planet Earth - Great Britain's Duran Duran.

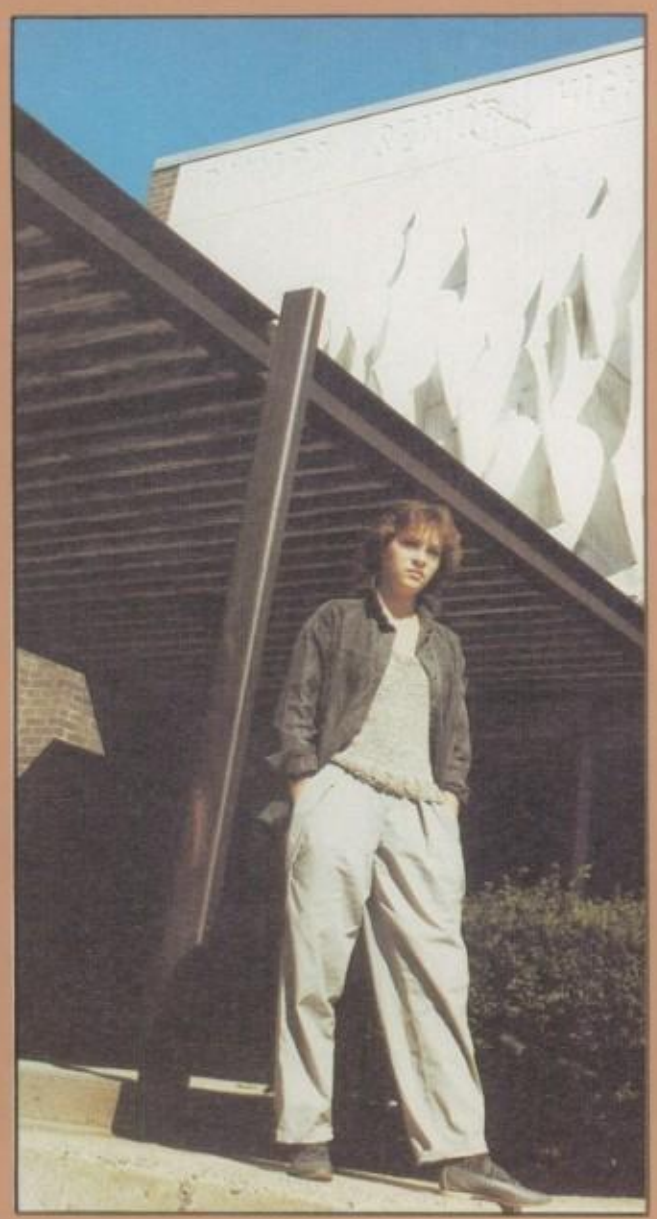
Reach out even further. The invention of the cordless telephone makes it possible for Lisa Glaser to talk to her friends from anywhere.



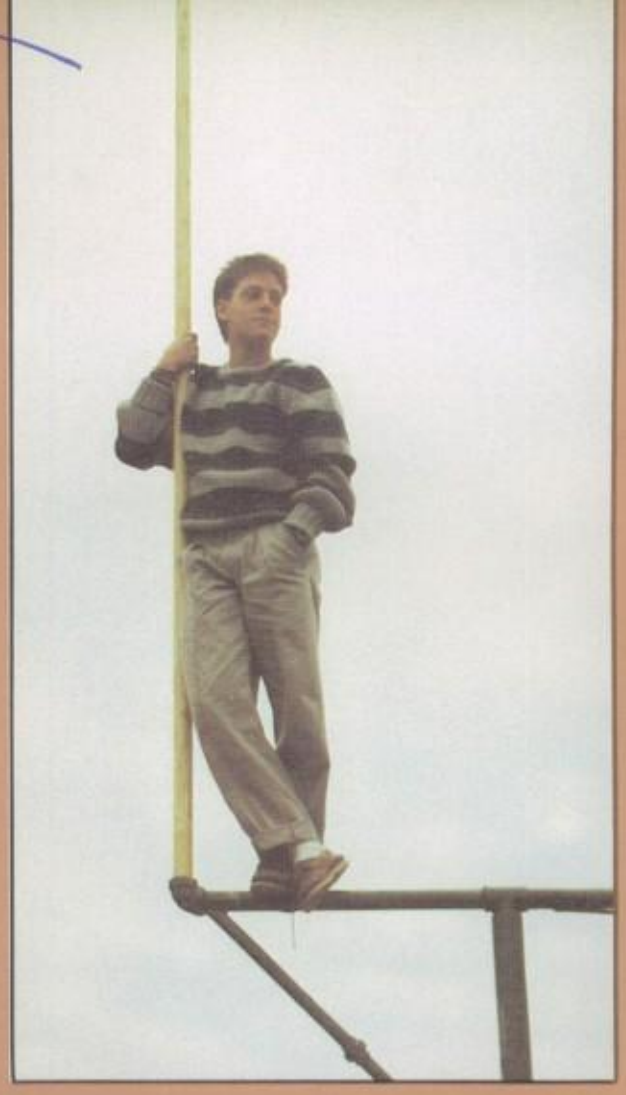
Guess what? There's no need to Guess which jeans were most popular this year.

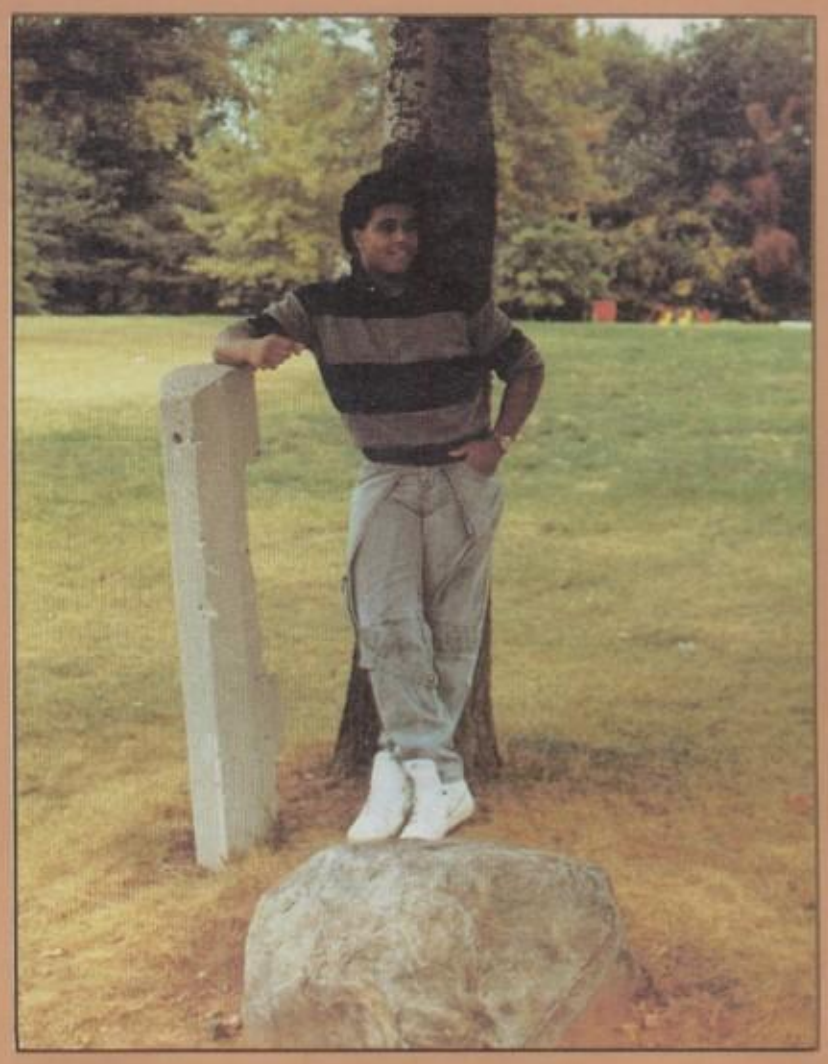
If the shoe fits . . . Untied hightop sneakers epitomized the fashionable footwear of the year.

ADAM - To a good friend.
Best of luck in everything
you do.
JON



Sophisticated lady. Maj Wickstrom's versatile clothes are appropriate for both academic and social occasions.





High fashion. Jonathan Levitt stands high atop the goal posts to show off his Ivy League look.

Today Ramapo: tomorrow G.Q. John Guardino present his casual wardrobe to the camera.

Fashion Around Ramapo

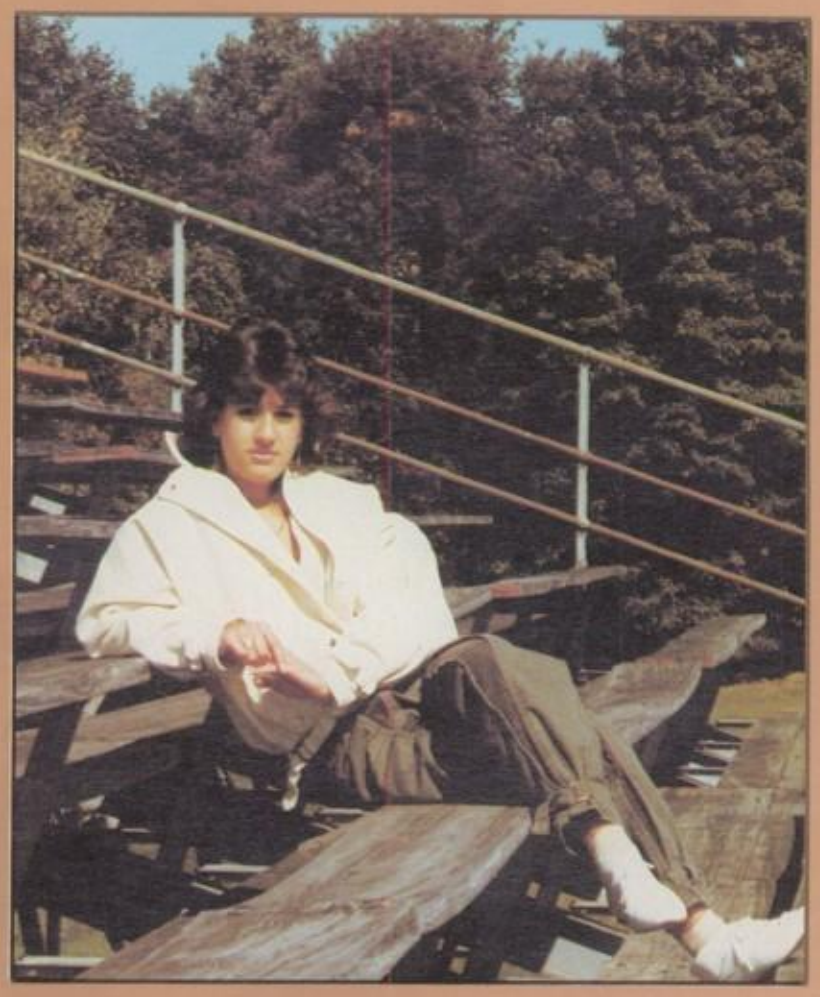
The Ramapo look of the eighties included an attitude that "anything goes". Oversized shirts and sweaters, ankle length trousers, flats and high tops were among the trendiest fashions. Extra wide belts, chunky jewelry, rhinestone bracelets and necklaces, and military gear were the most popular accessories among students. A most obvious trend was the resurgence of fluorescent colors from the fifties. Day-glo pink, chartreuse yellow, electric green and shocking orange could be spotted a mile away on socks, sweatshirts, blouses, scarves and costume jewelry. A combination of looks from the twenties and fifties mixed with the casual innovative styles of the day made Ramapo fashion unique. Many followed the dictates of the fashion leaders such as Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren, Guess, Esprit, Forenza and Complements. These designers' most recent styles could be found in the ever popular "Seventeen", "Vogue" and "Gentleman's Quarterly" magazines.

Steppin' Out

In Style

Students also chose to implement their wardrobes with vintage clothing from second hand stores. Greenwich Village was the most popular place to go to find that one of a kind treasure. The area's wild and outrageous clothing stores were attractive to Ramapo students. Beaded sweaters, feathers and sequins have all made a comeback into the fashion scene and were creatively combined with our favorite jeans, tee shirts and sneakers.

A classy collection. Diane Turdo, David Klein, Maj Wickstrom, Mindy Levine, and Kevin Waltzer represent the diverse fashion tastes found in Ramapo.

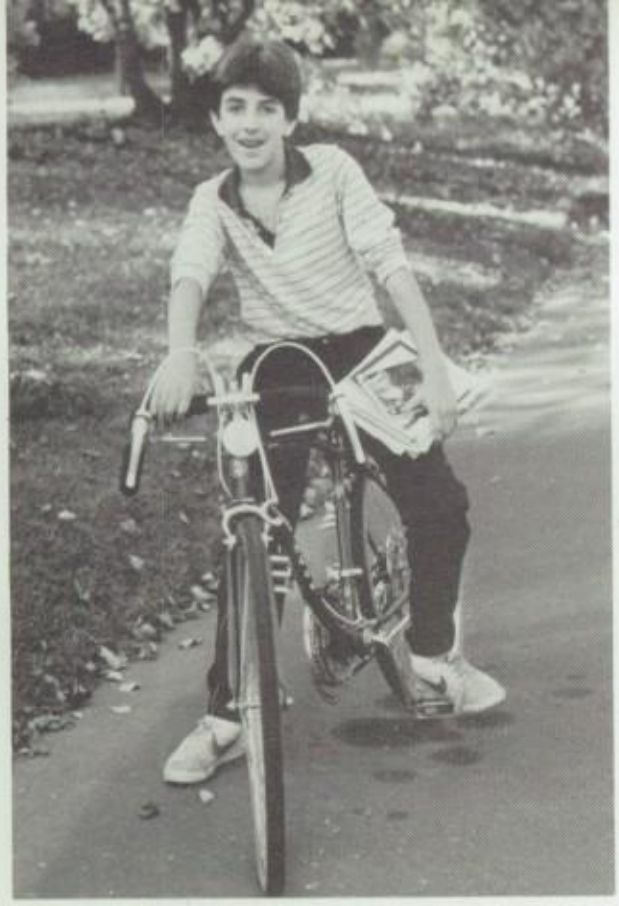


Reflective beauty. Alyson Lurie, in her chic apparel, creates an incentive for the football players to run their fastest into their tackle blocks.

Sitting pretty. Diane Turdo lounges by the Ramapo gridiron in her weekend attire.

On golden pond. Sporting pinstripes and plaids Mindy Levine and David Klein relax in Ramapo's courtyard.

The Ideal



Still hopeful. Jason Brown anxiously awaits his sixteenth birthday when he will pack away his bicycle in hope of getting a car of his own.

Interior

jacuzzi hot tub

rotating water bed

hi-fi stereo

VCR/T.V. (large screen)

video library

sofa convertible

automatic pilot

bar

refrigerator

chef

salad bar

microwave

24 hr. teller

phone and answering machine

closet and complete wardrobe

heat

air conditioning

musical horn

(plays top 10)

sun lamp

shower/sauna/steamroom

masseuse

piano bar

lounge

Rein-CAR-nated. Debbie Levins attempts the impossible: to bring her Corvette back to life.

Mass transit. Future bus driver Jimmy Ryan has amassed thousands of dollars in fares from driving to school every day. Today's passengers include: Billy Greeley, Hal Roberts, Brad Sustrin, Suzanne Berman, Allison Levine, Eric Mindich, Mindy Levine, Meridith Berman, and Joanne Abellanosa.

A class act. When she tires of her diamonds, Debbie Blumenthal's best friend is her Cadillac.

CRUISE Mobile

Exterior

satellite dish

missile rack

one way windows

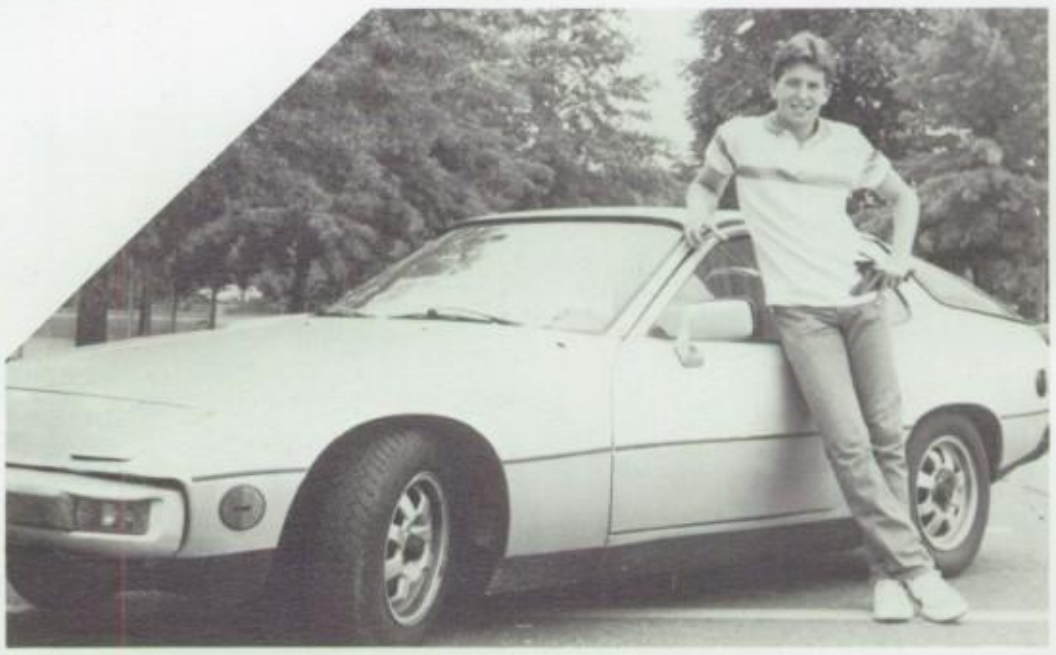
putting range

barbeque

sundeck

Car "Engine" Uity

The Ramapo student parking lot was one of the most diverse automobile shows in the country. The combinations of hood ornaments, vanity plates and paint jobs were infinite. A car was one possession students did not take for granted. Accompanying the ownership of one's vehicle came responsibility, expenses and most of all, tremendous freedom. Many of those students who owned cars treated them with such care, as if they were children. From Porsche to junkyard wreck, a student's car- inside and out- was a testament to his personality and engineuity.

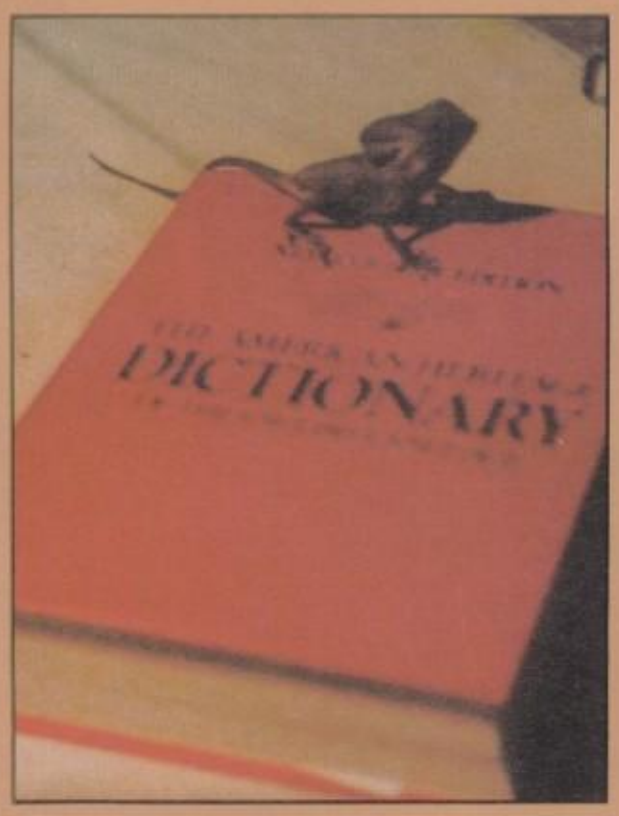


Life in the fast lane. Poor Scott Leeds is forced to drive his Porsche 924 to school. Alas, what a predicament!

Mom mobile. Fran Goodwin arrives at school earlier than most to avoid the embarrassment of sitting shotgun to her mother.

Educate Your Pet

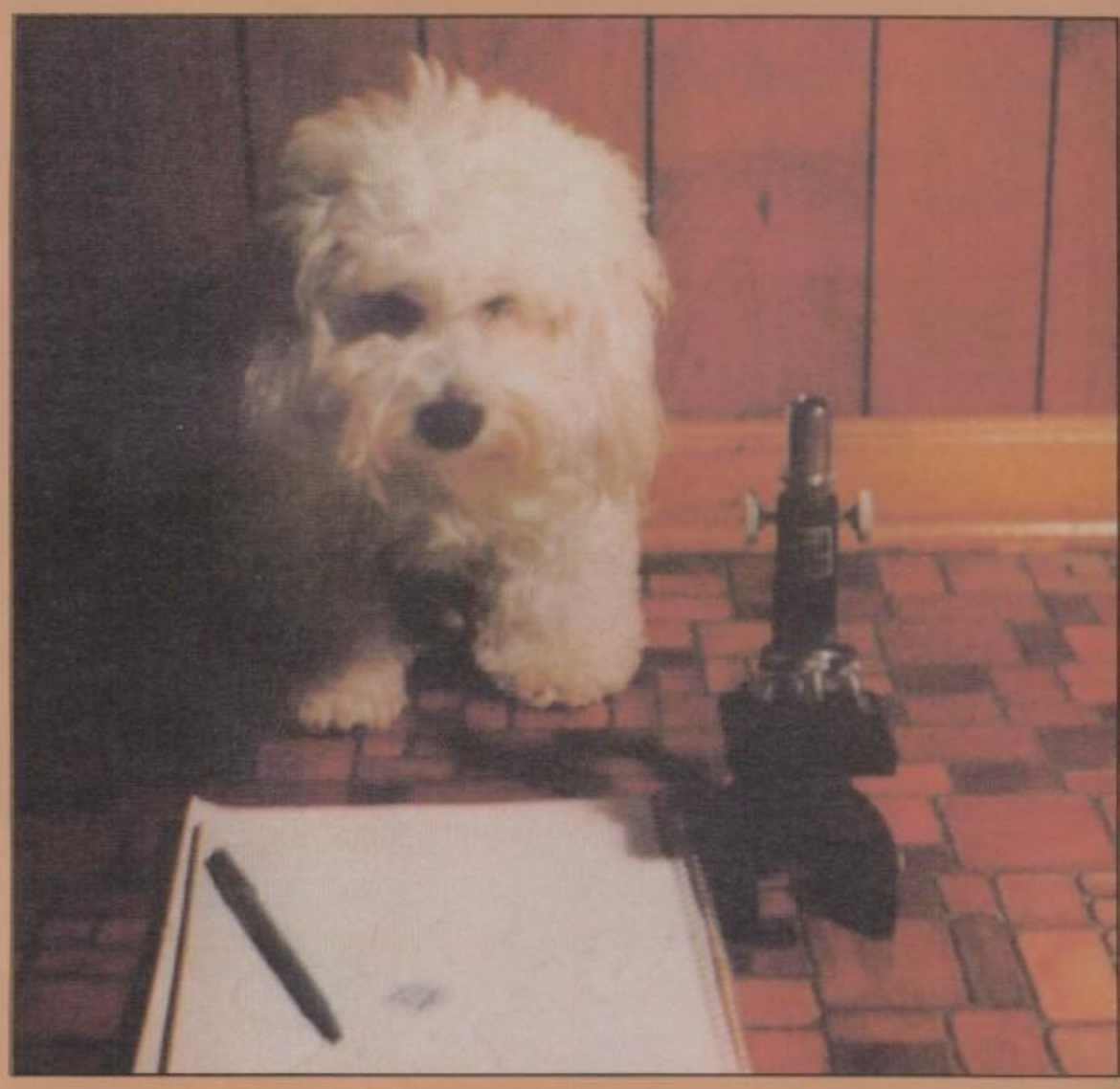
Many of Ramapo's students boast about their pets with good reason as our pets and their talents are unique to our school. Although some people's pets were more academically proficient at learning than others and have numerous awards to show for this, all pet owners recall with pride their successful attempts at teaching their pets. Our pets also served an extremely important function; they were always there for us when we needed them. No matter how good or bad our day may have been, we knew that there was someone anxiously awaiting our return. Our pets cheered us up when we were down, and taught us something about how to relax and have a good time. Very often, our ever-willing friends provided a needed release from academia and for this we are forever indebted to them.

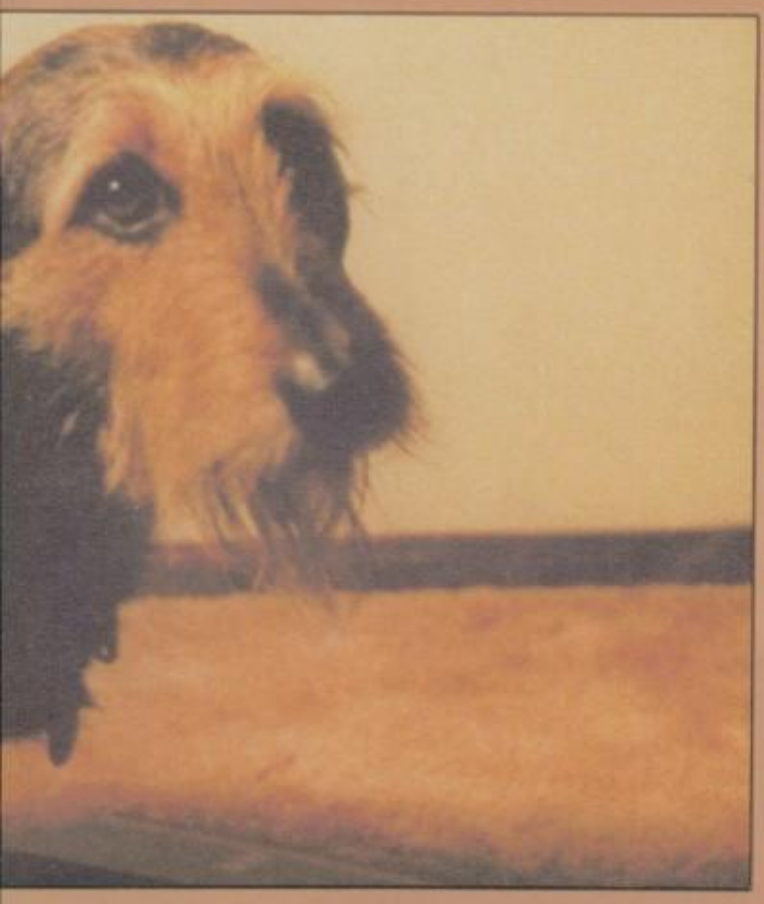


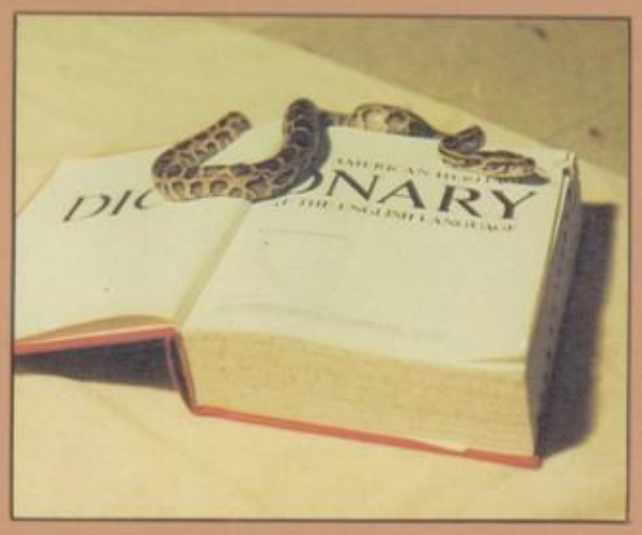
Art deco geko. This geko, quite a singular pet, takes time to pose on his favorite prose.

Premed pooch. This clever canine is glad to have finally finished her amoeba log.

He ain't nothing but a hound dog. Mikey proudly displays his Green and Gold.

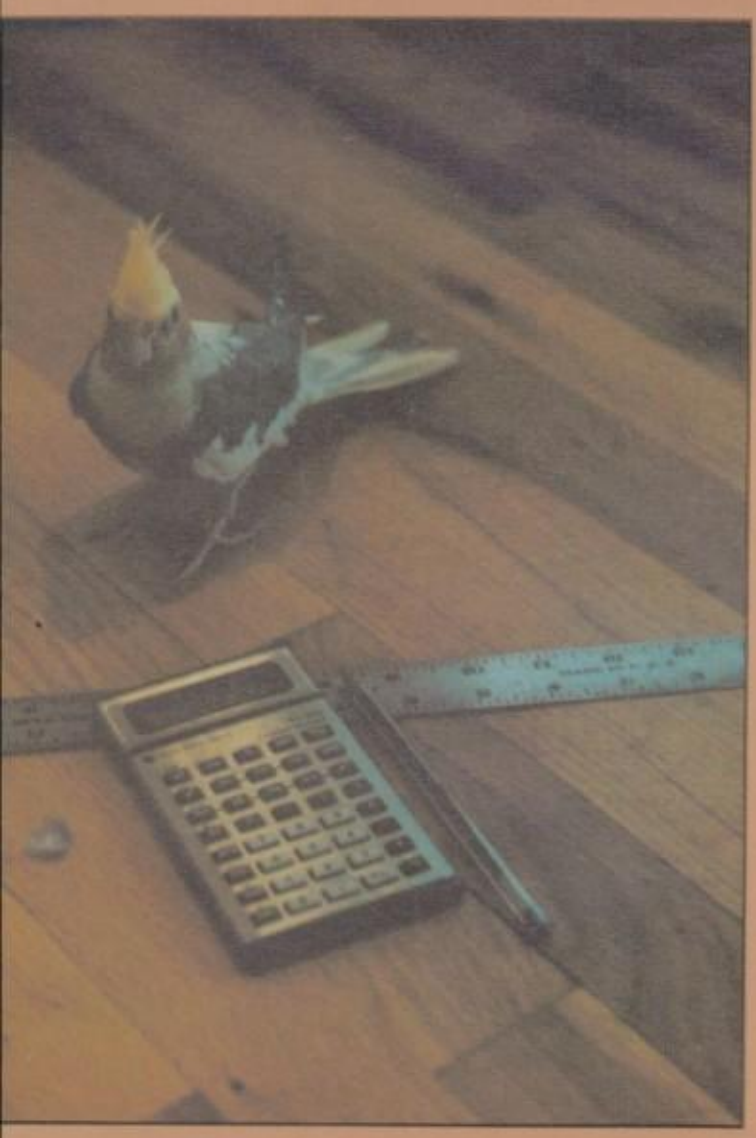






Venomous verbosity. Sam snake slithers through the dictionary while sssstudying for his 5555.A.T.s.

Don't let the cat out of the bag. After all of her homework, she deserves her nap.



Calculating cokatoo. No one can tell this bird how to do his chemistry. He's even got Avagadro's number right!

Ruff copy. Angel is an ace at her typewriter.

Hitting The Books

Bump on a log. Marc Weissman can study only when he is free of all distractions.

Man cannot learn from classes alone. The best education in the world is worthless if the lessons taught are not studied and applied. Studying was the factor that distinguished rote memorization from true learning. The studying habits of Ramapo's students varied greatly. A typical study scenario ranged from a simple book in bed to a desk completely submerged in volumes, papers, folders, and a highlighter in hand of the diligent scholar. The system that worked best for one student was not necessarily the same for the next.

The most ideal study conditions could be found in the library. The atmosphere of the library was naturally conducive to studying with its abundance of books and other resource materials. Friendly librarians were always ready and willing to lend a hand. The peace and quiet found in the library creates the ideal study situation for the student who must totally immerse himself in the task he has to complete.

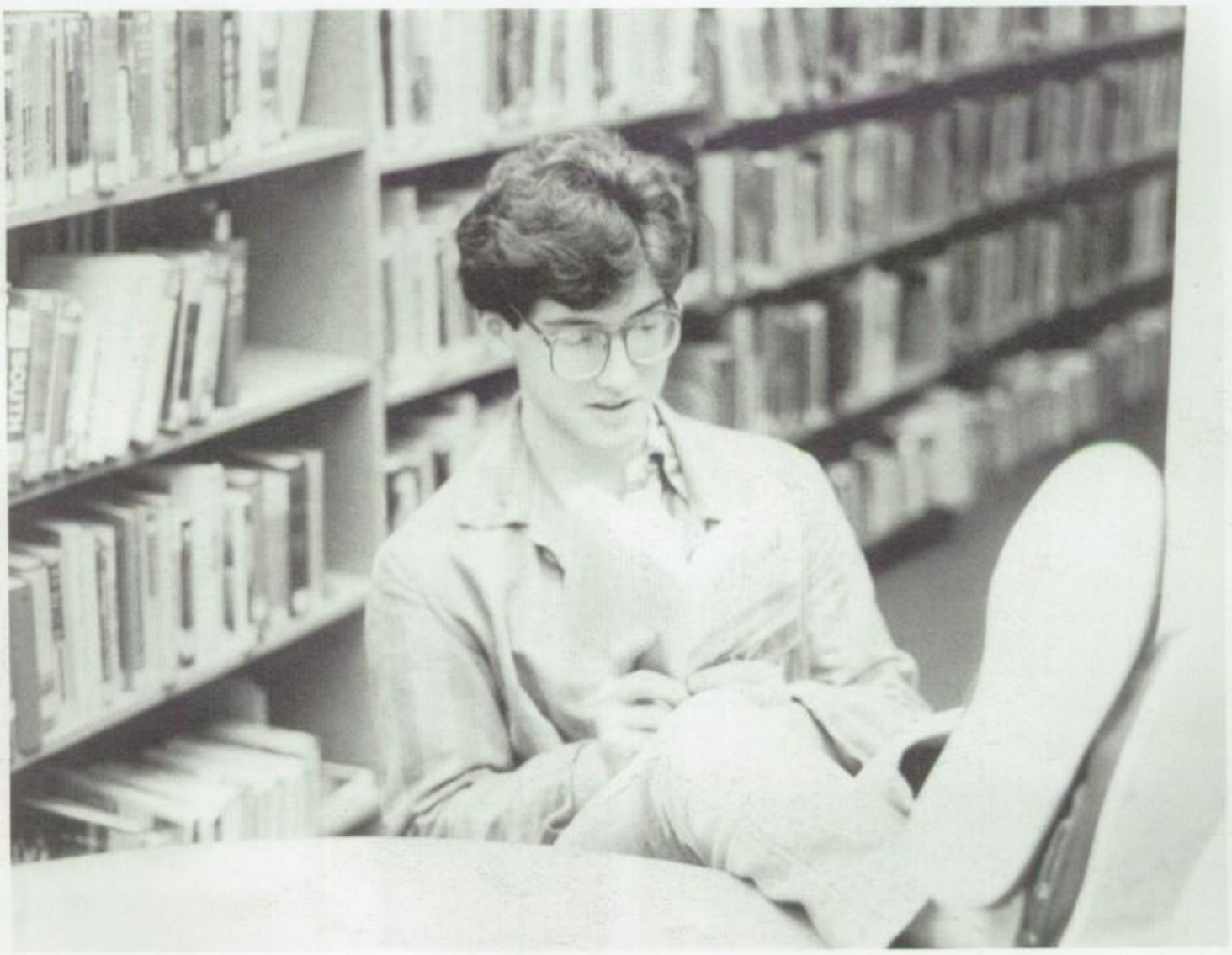
However, for those lucky students blessed with the gift of the ability to concentrate intensely no matter what the conditions, studying could be conducted anyplace. These places included the bus, the cafeteria, on the phone, while watching T.V., during dinner, or even while getting a haircut. Athletic students could study at a game, or while they themselves participated in the activity. Countless books have probably been read by a reader standing on his head in a yoga class, or by an outfielder between plays of a softball game.

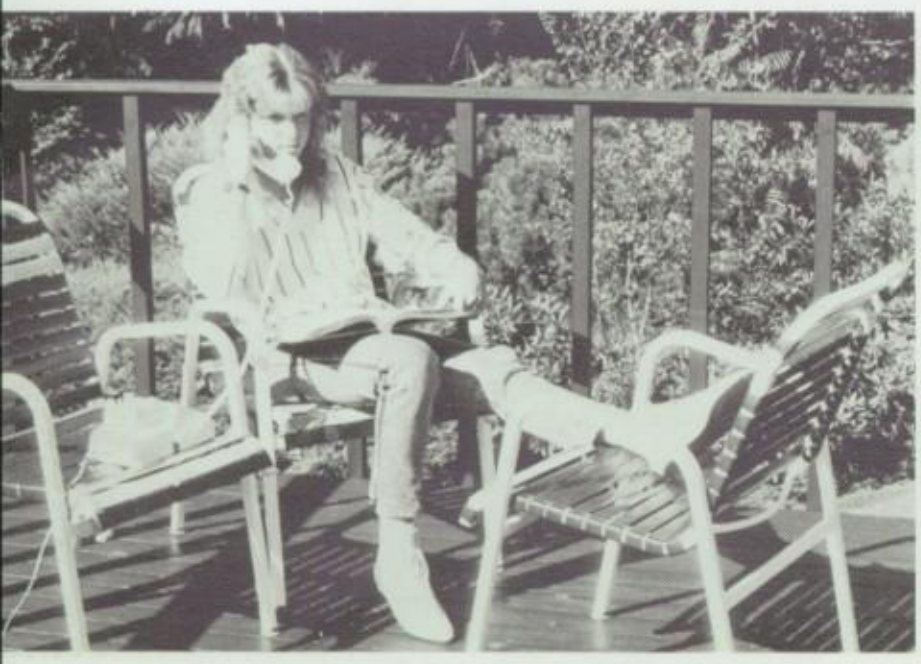
As well as locales, the modes of studying are numerous. In the effort to learn required material, we sang our notes to the tunes on the radio, made the process into a game, studied with a partner, or with a group of fellow students.

The time factor is important in the consideration of when the actual studying was done. Many students planned ahead and did their majority of their studying up to a few days or even a week before their exam. However, most students did their studying the night before, commonly referred to as "cramming." Having become a routine of such widespread proportions, cramming is now a refined art. The art of cramming requires staying up until 2 in the morning, skipping meals, and locking one's self in his or her bedroom. Many students drink gallons of coffee in order to sustain themselves through the long night.

Whatever the method to the madness of studying, the fruits of our attentiveness toward schoolwork shone in our academic achievement.

Make yourself at home. For Ruvain Gittleman comfort is the essential element of studying.

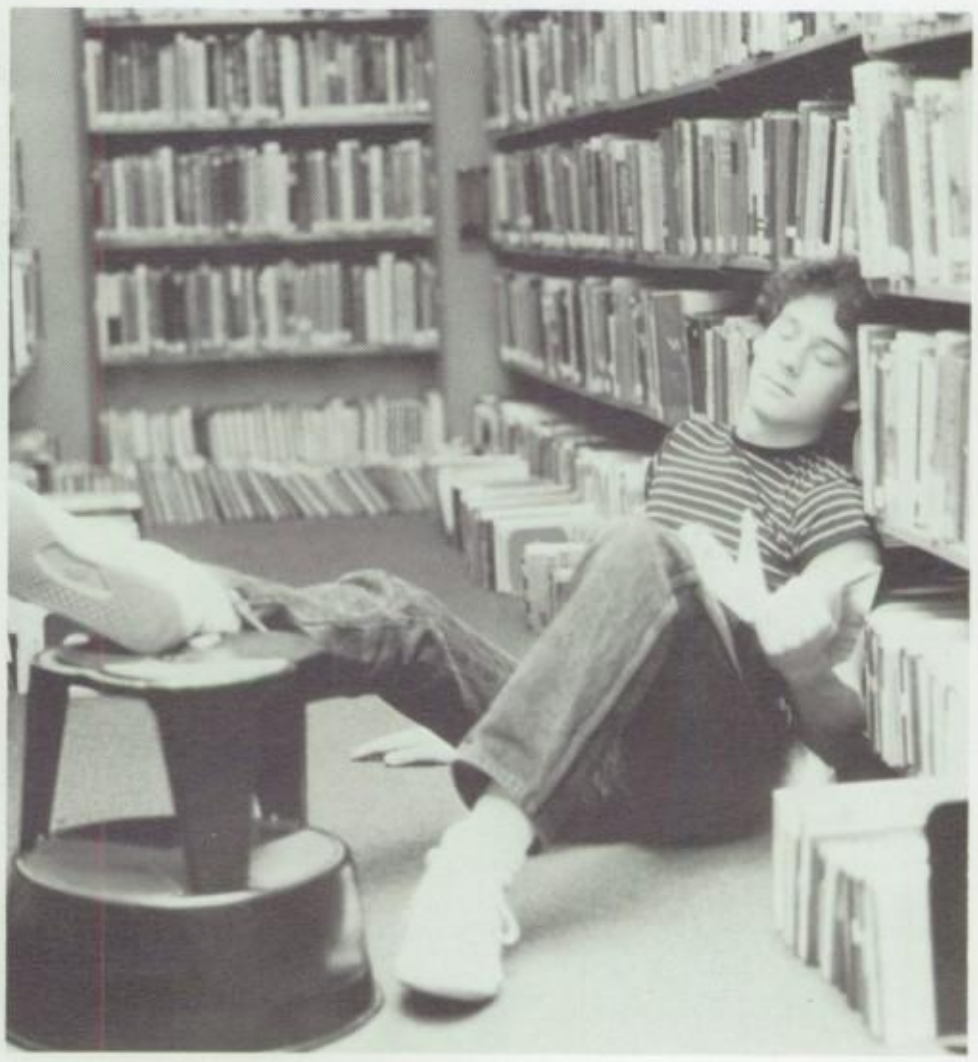




Shouldn't she be studying? Hillary Mohel speaks on the phone while Calculus awaits.

's party time. A relieved David Brown smiles after nishing his work in the library.

Procrastination. Barry Weinberger ardently begins his work after putting it off for as long as possible.



Had enough! Peter Young nods off after several hours of intense research.

The City Never Sleeps

While the suburbs are tranquil, quiet and serene in their beauty, the city is alive and exciting. When students wanted a change of scene, they were drawn into the exhilarating atmosphere of New York City with millions of people and a myriad of things to do.

The city was a feast for the senses. As students we enjoyed the unique experience of seeing live concerts, where the cheers of the crowds and the amplified music got our adrenalin flowing. The same effect held true for live theater. When the performers were only a few feet away, we became an integral part of the play's action, making it a truly memorable experience. When we felt like showing off our superior dance moves, there were plenty of clubs where we could dance the night away. Shopping, a favorite pastime for many, could be found in many shops and stores that catered to our personal tastes and styles. Another equally important activity was eating. Many ethnic restaurants were found in the city. These restaurants ranged from Chinese to Russian and every taste was satisfied.

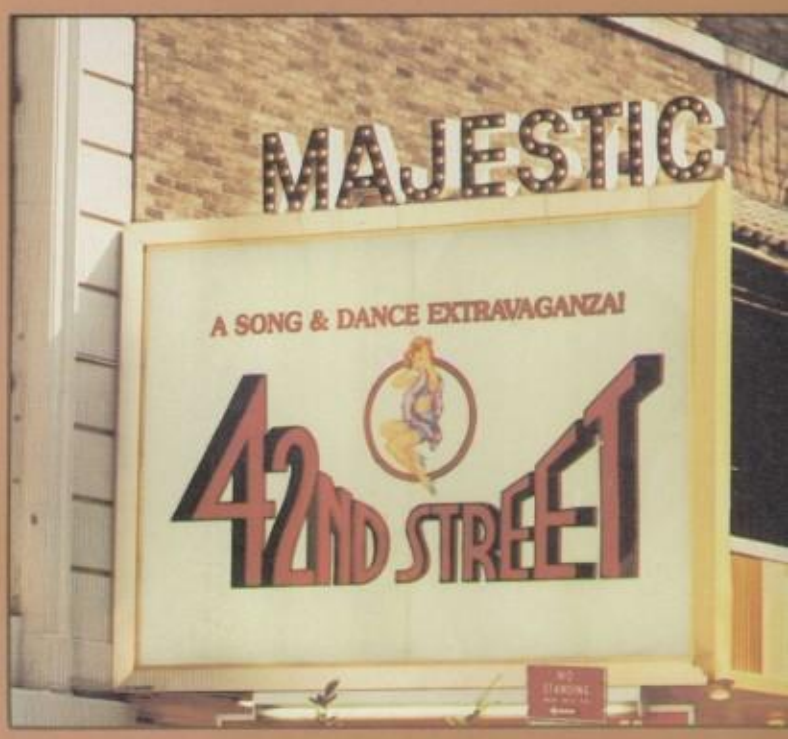
We discovered and expressed the cultural aspects of our life in the many museums and galleries in the city. Many teachers took advantage of our proximity to such a vast cultural center by taking their classes on field trips. This added something special to our education that was available only in the invigorating life of New York City.

Glorious food. Andrew Godsberg stops for a bite to eat.

Grandeur. This statue complements Rockefeller Center.

The sunny side of the street. The Empire State Building dominates the New York skyline.

Give my regards to Broadway. The theatrical center of the world provides excitement for many Ramapo students.



On guard. This lion in front of the New York Public Library is one of the city's most elegant statues.

Streetlife serenader. David Kolinsky and Debbie Blumenthal look on as the street vender tries to make a sale.

Restoring Lady Liberty

On July 4, 1884, the anniversary of America's independence, France presented a gift of friendship and loyalty to the United States - the Statue of Liberty. This majestic lady who stands high atop Liberty Island inspires awe in all those who view her. This masterpiece was a symbol of freedom to immigrants who crossed her path.

Through neglect and the forces of nature, the statue has lost some of her beauty and radiance. But due to nationwide concern, the statue is being restored. Someday her torch will be rekindled and she will stand taller and stronger than ever before, a symbol of glory and patriotism to all.

A Breath Of Fresh Air

Because of the geographic location of Ramapo High School, the change of seasons could be appreciated. Depending on the weather, students could catch some rays, get exercise, relax, study, eat lunch, play frisbee, sleep, socialize or any combination of these during their lunch or free periods. Many students broke up the monotony of going from class to class by getting some fresh air during a break. In the winter, nothing was more beautiful than the blanket of snow that covered Ramapo's grounds. Regardless of the season, any student can attest to the fact that while gazing out the window from inside, the outdoors never seemed more inviting.

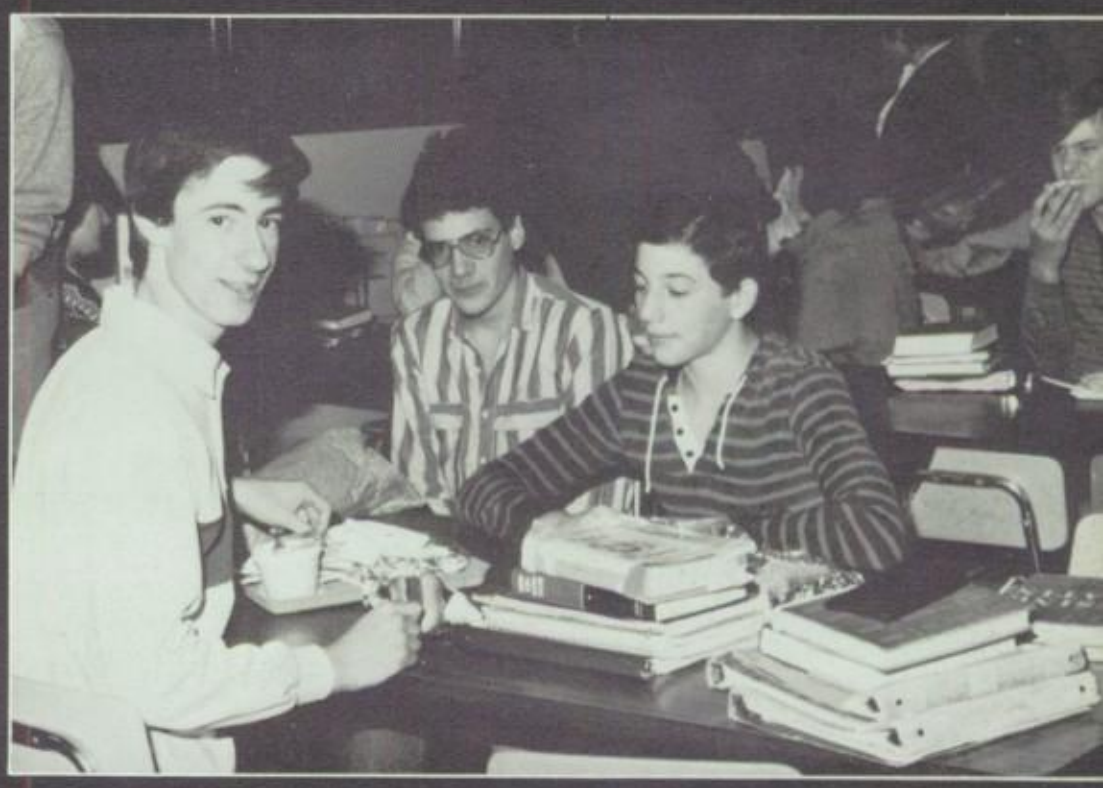
Ryan's hope. Ann Beth Turbitz and Jimmy Ryan try to keep each other warm during their free time.

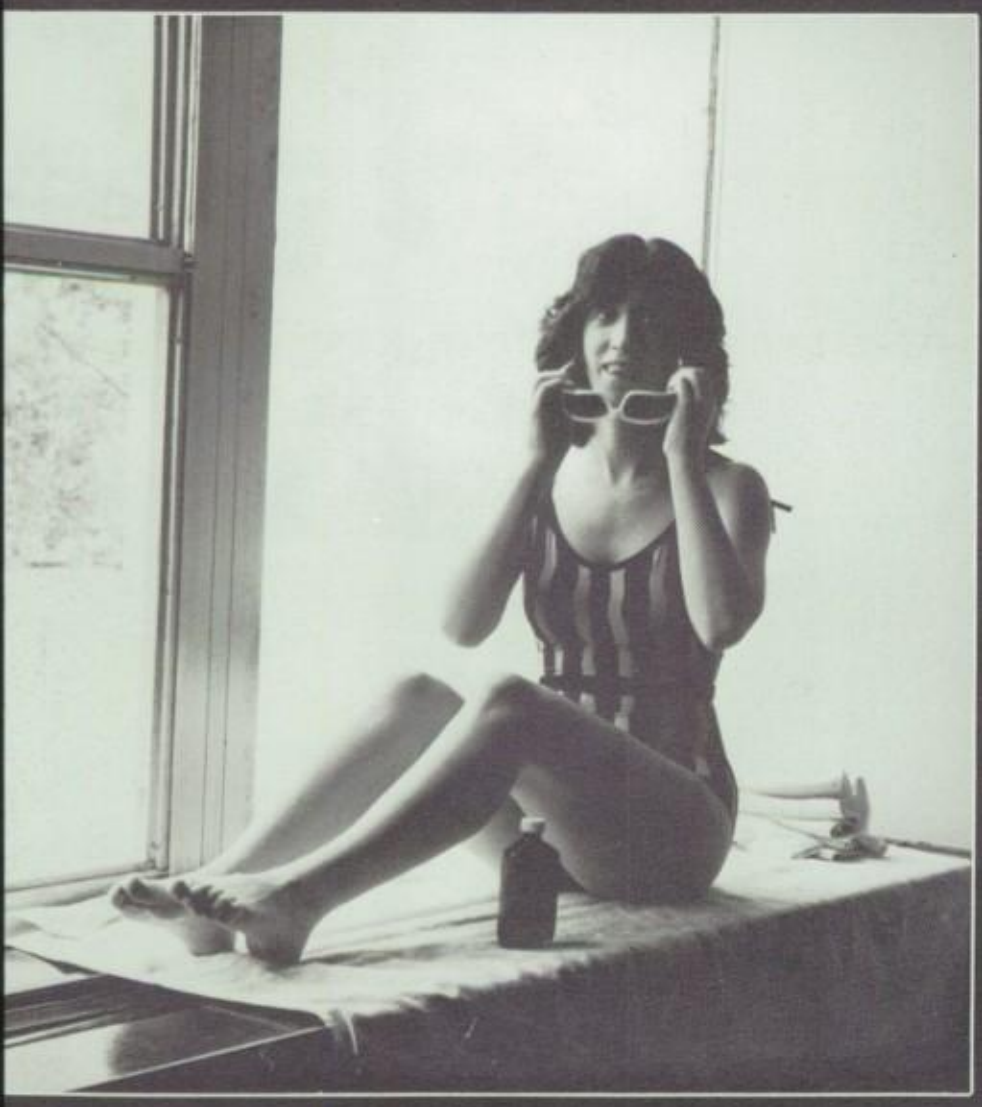
Hangin' out. Her school work this year has Andrea Fluck climbing trees.

Down the line. Jordan Hill, Bubbles Seligman, Michael Patterson, Richard Hulnick, and Thomas Silber enjoy themselves after school in a game of football.

Cover girl. Dale Klein is a bit surprised as her make up procedure is interrupted by a curious photographer.

On your mark, get set, go! After the bell has rung, Frank Demato and Lawrence Klein begin their race to class.





atching those rays. Elyse Sussman enjoys working on
r tan during her free periods.

embers only. Bruce Schiller, Mark Schmidt, and Seth
then hold a social conference in the cafeteria to
cuss events of the day.

Behind Closed Doors

The great indoors—What could be greater than having a seat by the radiator watching the first snowfall or staying cool by being sheltered from the harsh rays of the June sun? Most of Ramapo's indoor activity could be witnessed in the four minute interval between classes known as "rush minutes." Many students could be found seeking refuge in the bathroom, lunchroom, or the library from the generally fast paced Ramapo lifestyle. Whatever students involved themselves in, no one can say that what went on indoors at Ramapo was dull.

The Arts

Ars Gratia Artis

The salient lines in the preliminary sketch of any art are design, composition, illusion, emotion, and discipline. Perhaps the greatest commitment anyone could make is to an art. Whether it is art, dance, theater, or music, a lifetime of study cannot guarantee mastery. There is no such thing as perfection, so the only attainable goal is to improve. An art is what you do for yourself and its worth is judged by self satisfaction. Exhibits, recitals, shows, and concerts are the mediums in which feelings of the artists' are expressed. As a member of the audience, your life is enriched. You have become culturally involved. If that painting, dramatic presentation, or piece of music can move you, then it is invaluable. If you are touched in such a way that makes you dream, see things in a different light, or come to realizations then that is what makes a good artist.

Some of Ramapo's successes may have been attributed to talent, but most important was the motivation and desire to dance, to paint, to act, or to play music. As diverse as our artist population at Ramapo was, they would all agree that one would have to want to do it in order to do it well. The arts were something valued and appreciated among Ramapo students. An extensive curriculum including classes in drawing, painting, architecture, sculpture, band, orchestra, chorus, music theory, jazz band, modern dance, and drama existed at Ramapo. Somehow a forty-two minute class was not enough for many students.

Mellow cello. Lisa Alpert practices her favorite musical instrument.

Modern art. Special talents are shown as Emily Berger completes her painting.

Music maven. Yael Gershon learns her favorite song.

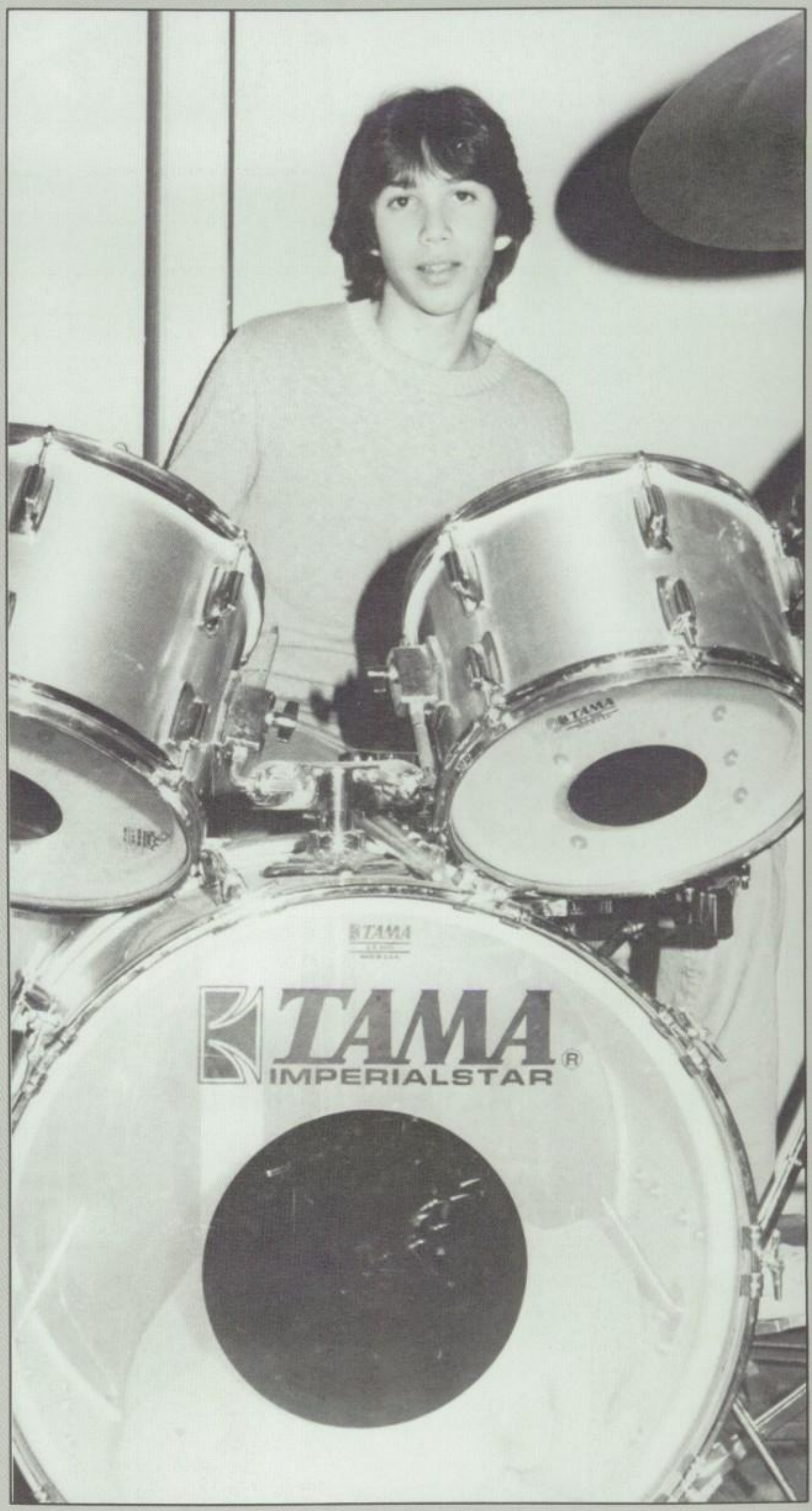
Memorize those lines. Alyssa Cohen and Shari Gulker ponder over a script.

Sing, sing a song. Stephanie Wise and Tracey Levy show their musical talent in song.

Fiddle me this. Mark Fukae expertly slides the bow across his violin.

Practice, practice, practice. Sheryl Pressman learns determination and dedication as Mrs. Pressman helps her to learn to play the piano.

Fame and fortune. Oh, if only we could all be stars!



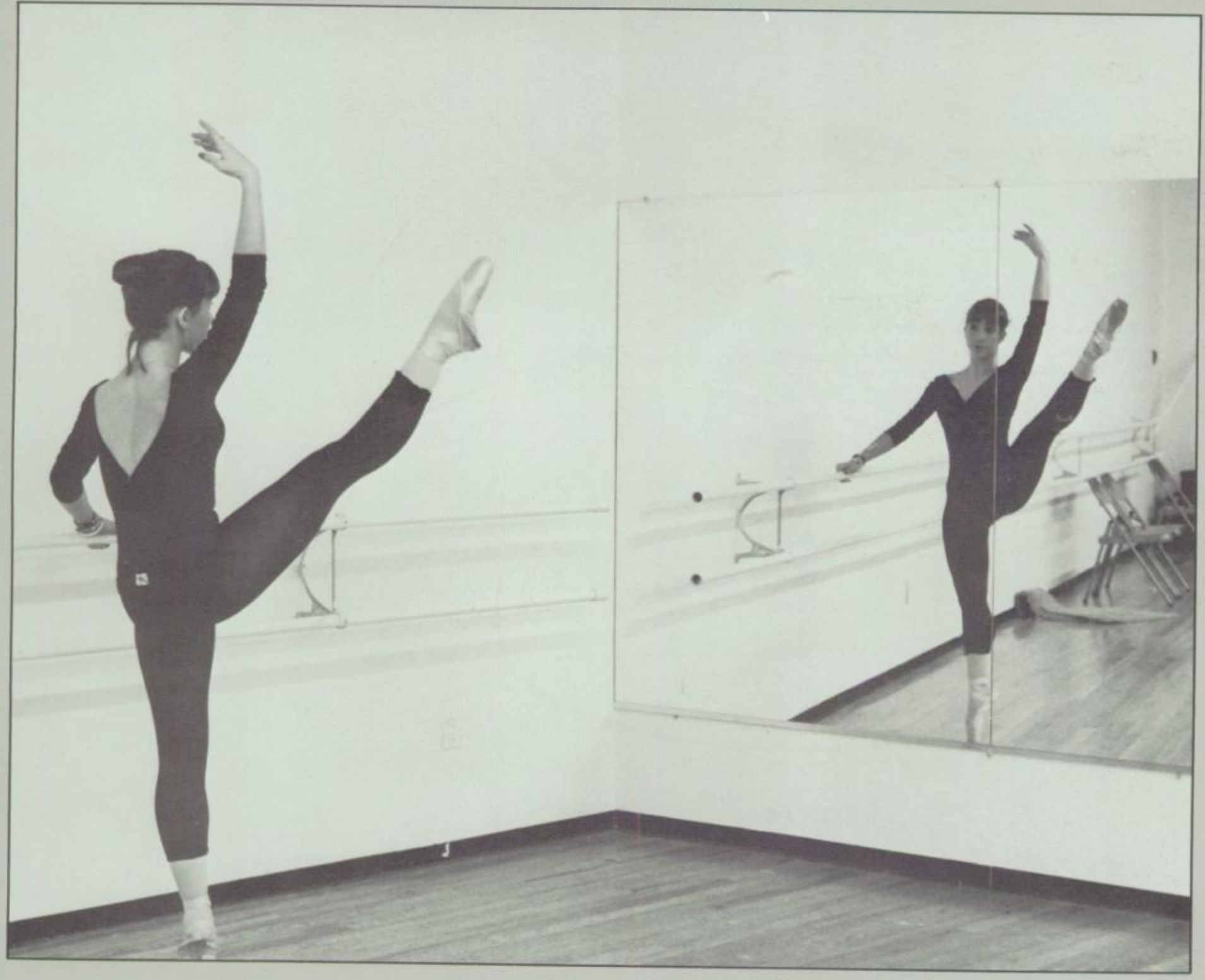
Drummer boy. Cliff Rosen doesn't want to work. He just wants to bang on his drum all day.

The Arts

Some pursued their interests outside of school with supplementary classes and lessons. They were enrolled in classes at Rockland Community College, Rockland Center for the Arts, various schools in New York City, and many other organizations. Students participated in community theater and formed their own bands. With the knowledge and experience of out of school involvement, those arts programs within Ramapo were enhanced. What is more inspiring for a teacher than interested and motivated students? What is more inspiring for students than a teacher who loves what she is teaching? A true interest in theater, dance, art, and music was obvious with the production of the spring musical, the talent show, the winter and spring concerts, and the painted murals in the hallways. Of course we all did not plan a career in the arts, but it was a rare thing to find a student whose life had not been affected, changed, or altered by the arts. Always changing and demanding our attention that art was a piece of ourselves.

The masterpiece is the greatest work done by an individual or group. It ingeniously epitomizes a mood, a person, or an era. The artist conveys images conceived. From conception to creation, an idea is formed, first in mind then on paper. The art is put together piece by piece. Every moment makes a contribution. All the elements play a part. Every detail is a major decision.

Mirror, mirror on the wall. Loren Stolarsky displays her poise, grace and dance technique.



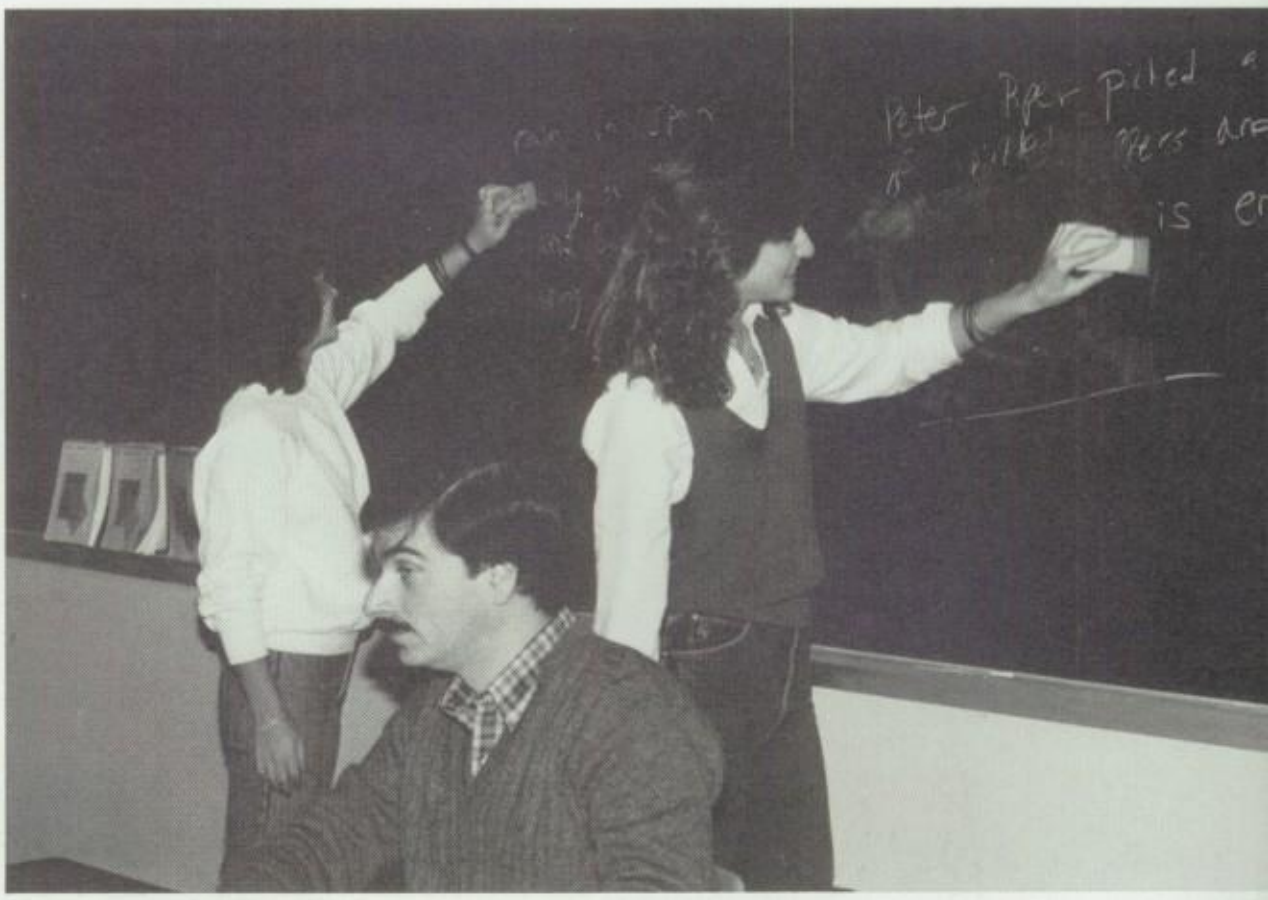
Lending A Helping Hand

The entire educational system rests upon one foundation: the communication between the people in our educational community. These sacred relationships have always been essential for attaining knowledge. Today's education is not solely based upon teaching our students in academic areas; it must also relay the ideas of consideration and cooperation.

Teachers at Ramapo recognized the prime purpose of education – to educate and enlighten students in all aspects of life. Willing to give up their free periods or stay after school, the teachers made themselves readily available for extra help. Many faculty members devoted endless hours of their time and energy to assist in extracurricular activities. Students learned from their peers and teachers, and teachers learned from their students; these mutual relationships created a very special understanding. The exchange of ideas and viewpoints contributed to the education of both students and teachers, for this is a never-ending process. The relationships in the educational community became more profound, and thus the time spent working together toward a common goal was more productive.

Not only would you find teachers helping students, but students proficient in certain ares were found helping other students. With the vast availability of comput-

Counting the profits. Dwayne Boos volunteers his free time to work in the school store.



Child labor. Nicole Bandiero and Cara Smolen help Mr. Coplon by volunteering to erase the blackboard.

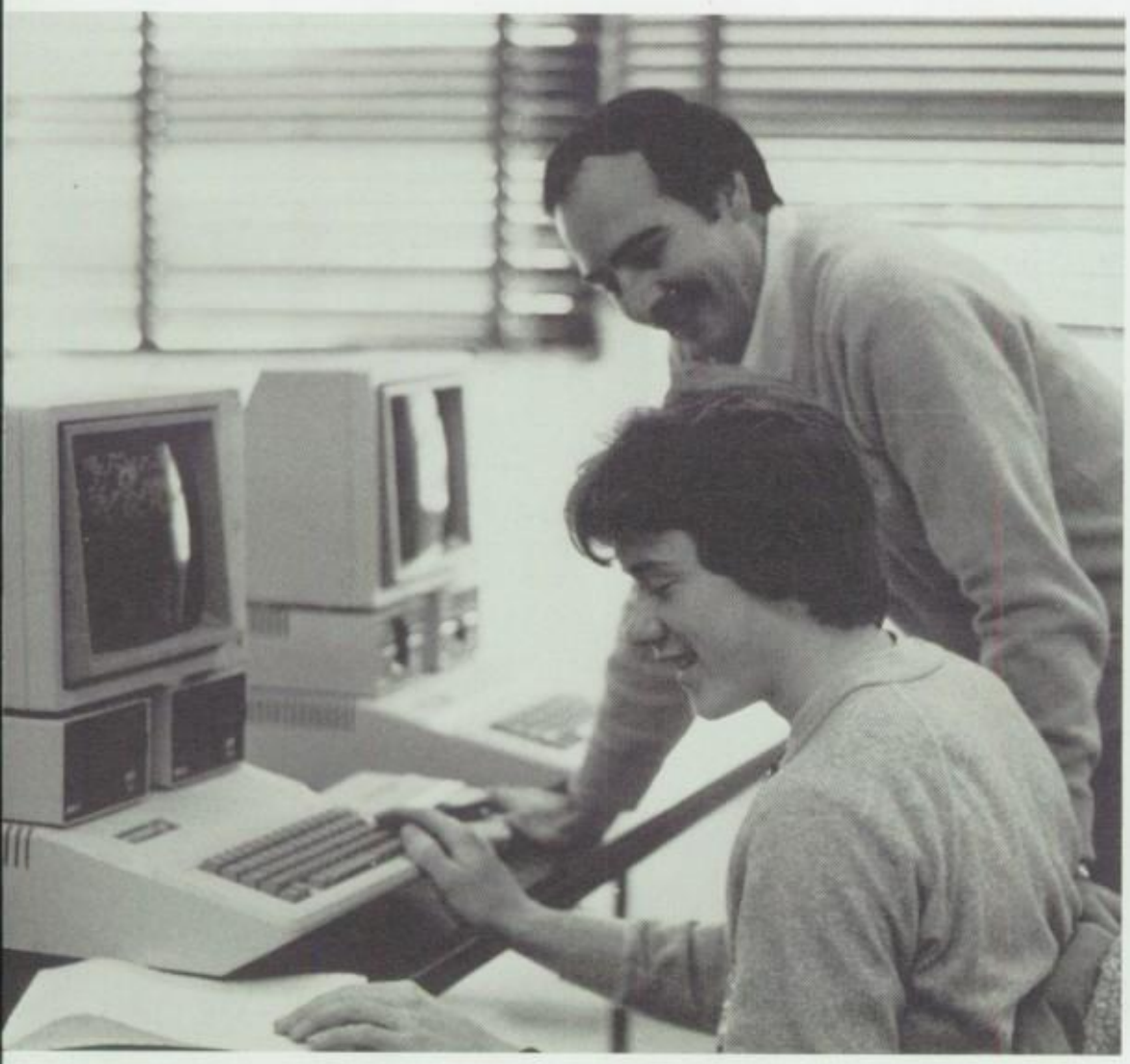
Administrative assistance. Mr. Lane and Mr. Snider give moment of their time to Lee Zaretsky.

ers, it was difficult for the educational system to keep up with the student's knowledge. Therefore, it was quite common to find one student helping another in this area of study. By doing this, the students were also contributing to the cooperative atmosphere in our school.

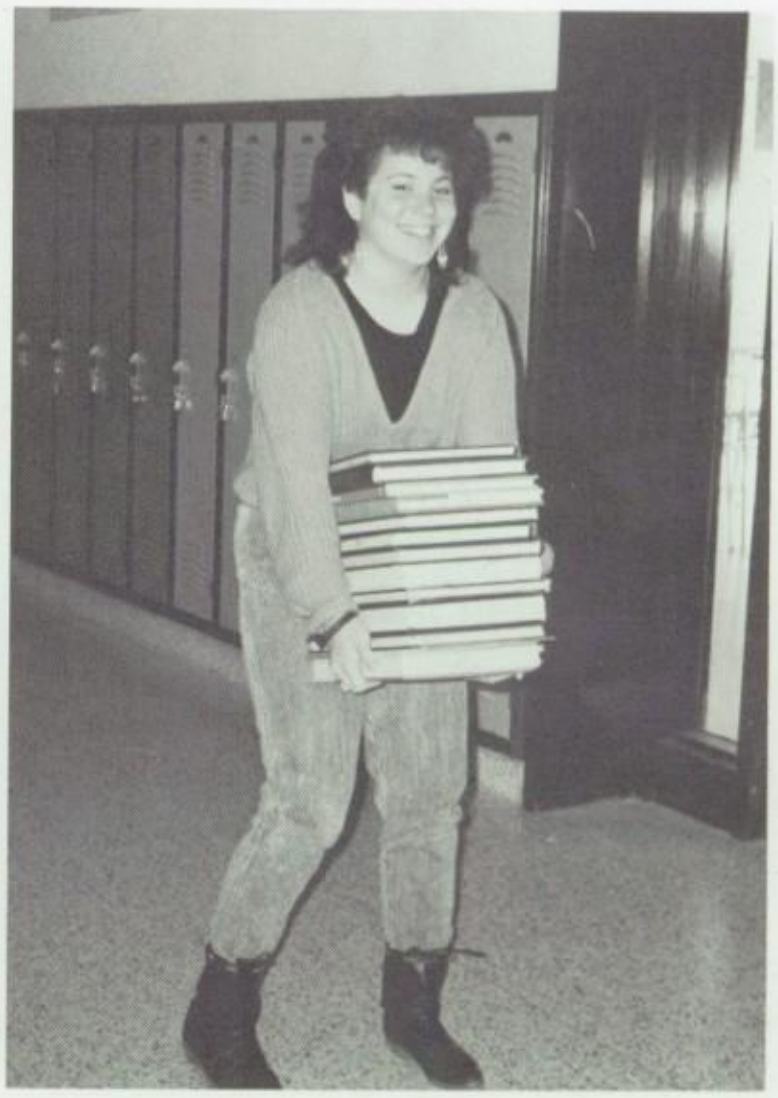
Very often, the interaction would surpass formality; friendships developed that would last beyond the school years. In the future, just as we may remember a special teacher, he or she may remember us as well.

Food Drive

Heinz, Green Giant, Franco-American, Hunts, Libby, Campbell. These were among the various foods contributed by the students this year during the canned food drive. This annual event was sponsored by the Student Advisory Council. For a week before the holiday, these goods were collected every morning before school. The majority of students and faculty shared their community involvement by donating these large quantities of food to be distributed to the less fortunate members of our community in time for the holiday of Thanksgiving. This provided a happy celebration for those who otherwise would not have had one. Ramapo's diverse factions were brought together by the common bond of compassion. The combined efforts of everyone involved resulted in a Thanksgiving holiday for which we all could be a little more thankful.



A bit of assistance. Mr. Collins helps Richard Hudson complete his computer program.



Heavy load. Frann Wolk aids a teacher with the transportation of textbooks.

Disc-cussion. Lisa Rubinfeld and Peter Cohen review their plans to conquer the world of computers.

A little more. Bruce Schiller shows his friend the proper way to park.

It's Not Just A Job

It's An Adventure

Money, money, money. It makes the world go 'round and provided Ramapo students with a social life. With clothes and records to buy, movies to pay for and dates to entertain, teenagers were frequently in need of money. Many students retained the Puritan work ethic that hard work results in salvation. For employed students, the salvation was a paycheck, a slight deviation for the twentieth century. However, the money may have been spent and was of fleeting value. The true value was the experience gained from having a job. No matter how menial or mundane the job of cashier or sales clerk may have seemed, a sense of responsibility and insight into human nature was acquired. The way to become responsible is to have responsibilities. Knowing how to communicate with the public is a skill of life long application. A part time job may have had little to do with your career goals, but it was these qualities that are necessary for future success.

The initial attainment of a job was a "Catch 22" situation. You could not get a job if you did not have experience, but you could not gain experience if no one hired you. This was discouraging to the student in search of employment. After persistent job hunting, filling out applications, and patient waiting, the right job for the right student was matched. Promotions and greater pay resulted from hard work and constancy at the same place of employment. After holding your first job, any job after that was easily attained. Students could be found working at stores in a mall, supermarkets, professional offices, restaurants, or even started their own businesses. Becoming aware of what was involved in the business world of our capitalist society is an education in itself.

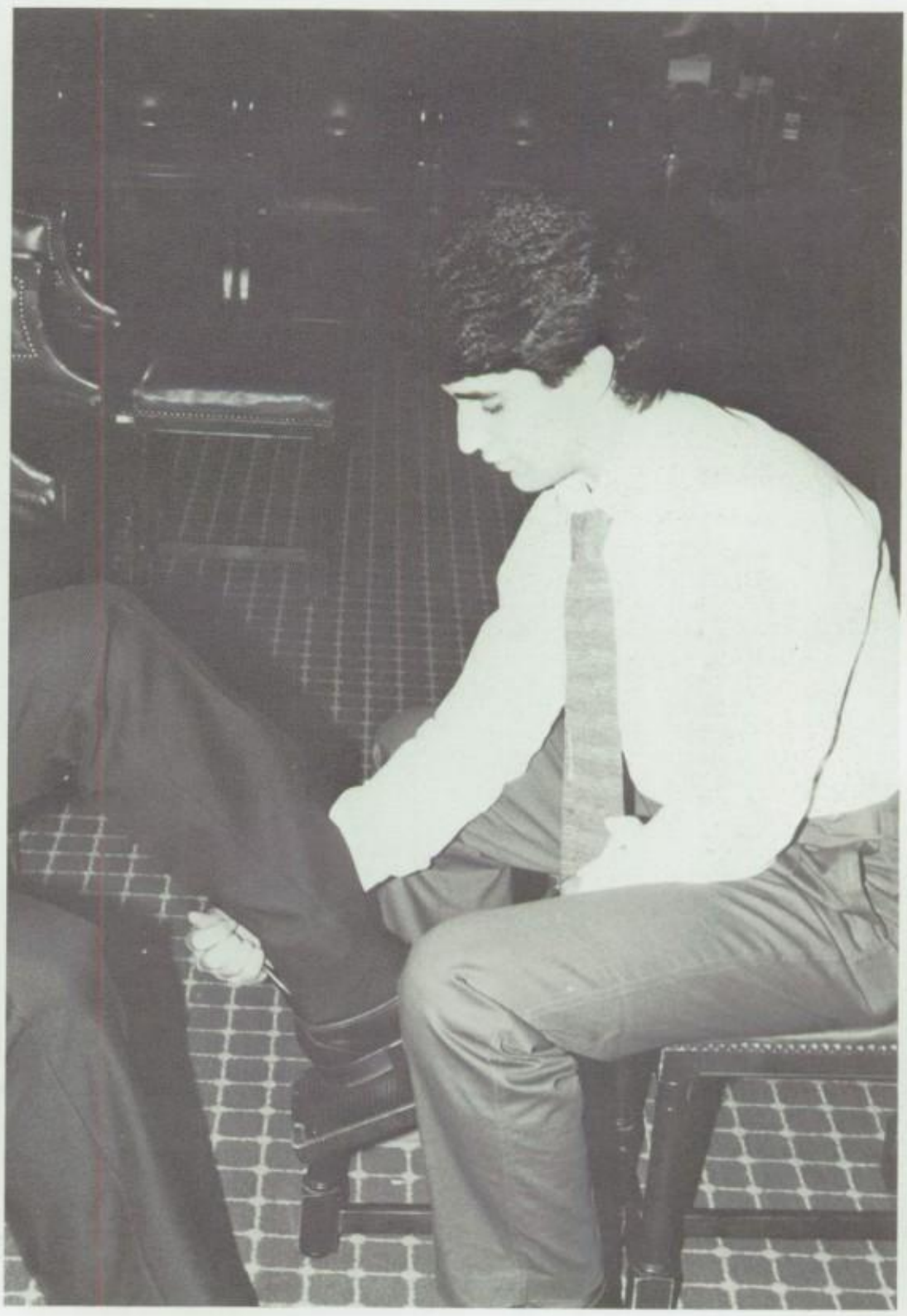
Regardless of whether the job was services rendered or goods sold, when viewed as a learning experience it was without doubt a positive contribution to our future.

Always smiling. Kerith Orol remains high spirite despite a hard day's work.

Home on the range. Lee Ederheimer feels right at home in her job at the Spook Rock Golf Course.

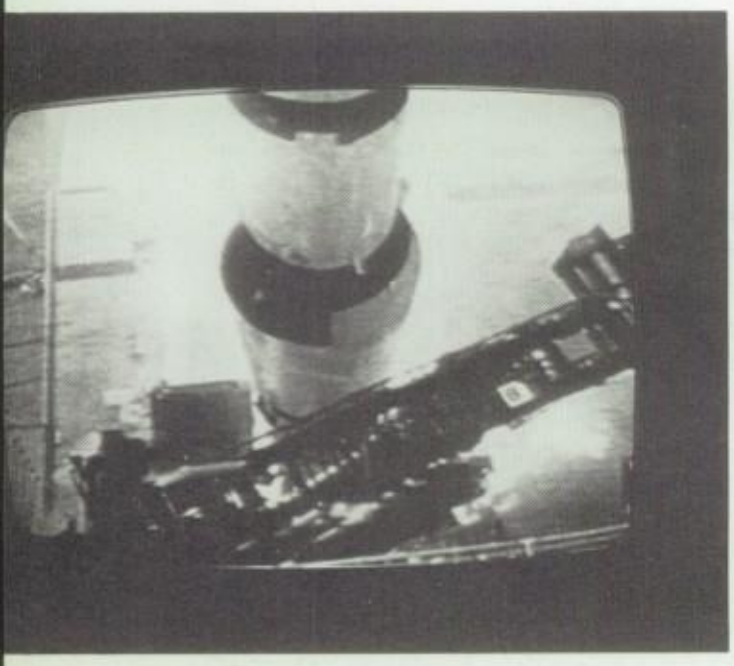
Joint corporation. Meredith Berman and Hally Yaccino enjoy each other's company in the workplace.

On display. Mark Belnick sets up the new fashions for the upcoming season.



If the shoe fits. Eric Londa helps a customer find the right style.

Yesterday's Tomorrow



The only way to consider the future is to look at it in terms of the past. The present is simply a bridge between the two, filling a gap with exciting events and experiences. This year was more glorious than yesterday's expectations of the future. The world was one filled with incredible luxuries and inventions that were never dreamed possible. Living in a machine age, people became dependent on these tools to help run their lives more efficiently. They lived among computers which could control an entire city and pay the bills, too. Appliances like the microwave oven had meals and snacks prepared in an instant. The Concorde jetliner could whisk someone to Europe in an hour. Space travel was made less expensive and more efficient with each successive launch. One would think that people would have become lazy and apathetic having everything done for them by machine, but creativity and human resources flourished. The quality of television, movies, and literature improved for they were able to make use of advanced technology. Medicine and scientific research were at their peak and new breakthroughs were made daily.

Living in the eighties, Ramapo students easily assimilated technology into their daily lives. Was this the world their parents imagined the future to be? Will their future be as they imagine it to be? These were questions that many students asked themselves as they realized that yesterday's future is tomorrow's past.

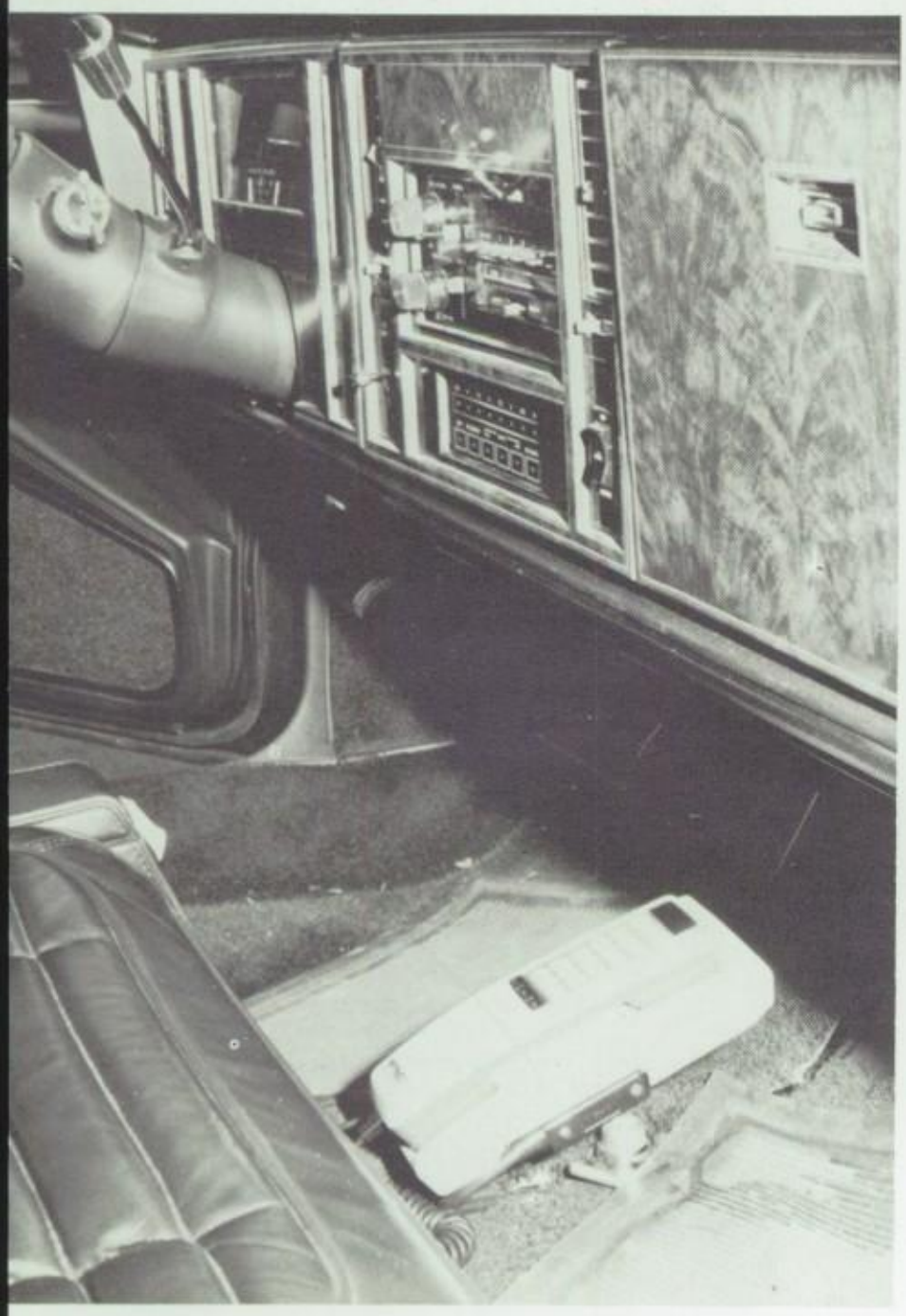
Ready for takeoff. Space exploration has come a long way since our first rocket launch.

A new perspective. Spiral stairs create a new twist in the modern household.

The Past Has Not Passed

Past, present and future are only relative terms. Although we live in the last generation's future, we retain remnants of the past. Technology advancements would not be possible without important accomplishments made previously. Although our society is becoming more and more mechanized, we are not the cold, impersonal machines depicted in George Orwell's *1984*. Certain aspects of early civilization are more important today than ever before. The basic use of language is essential in holding a society together. If there is to be a future, we must link the present to the past.

Some things however, are timeless. They never lose their value, but become more meaningful with time. Certain games, music, morals, the recurrence of clothing styles and literature are just some examples of classics. People of different generations may have dissimilar attitudes and values, but human nature has not changed in thousands of years. Beethoven is equally appreciated played through a Walkman as he was hundreds of years ago. After all, everything old is new again.



obile communications. The phone is no longer ique to the home alone, but part of our cars.

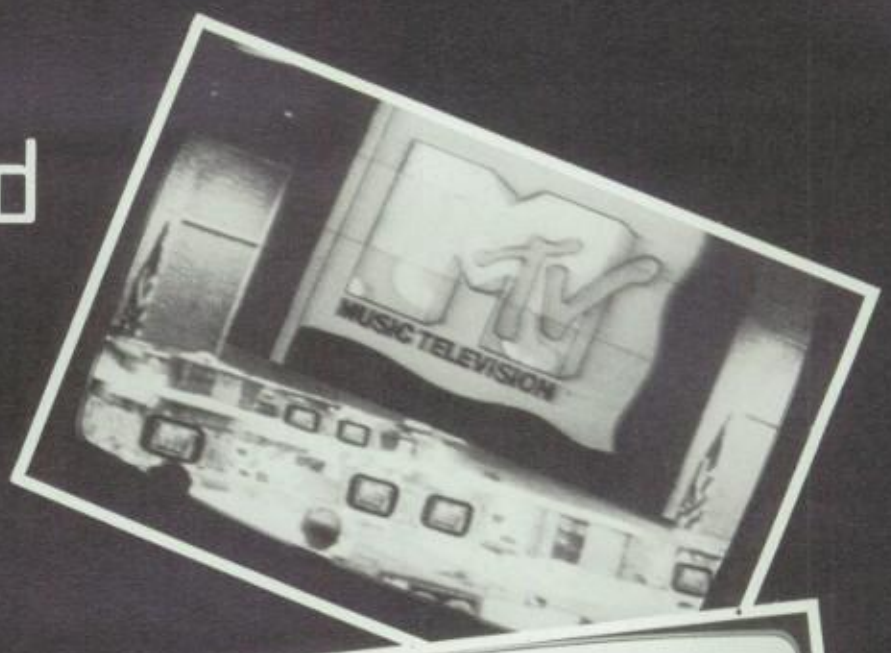
Mandatory mate. The computer has become a fundamental unit in our everyday life.

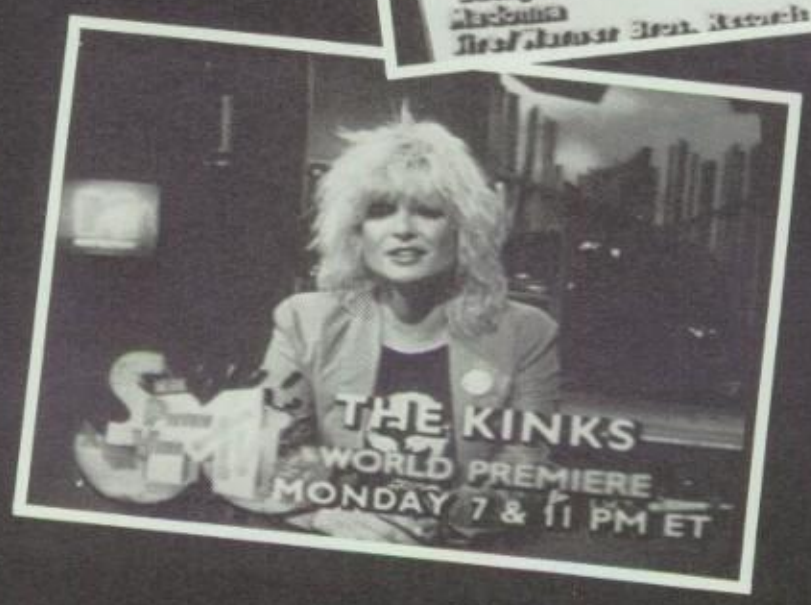
Fast food. When you're in a hurry, the microwave beats all the best.

Sensory Overload

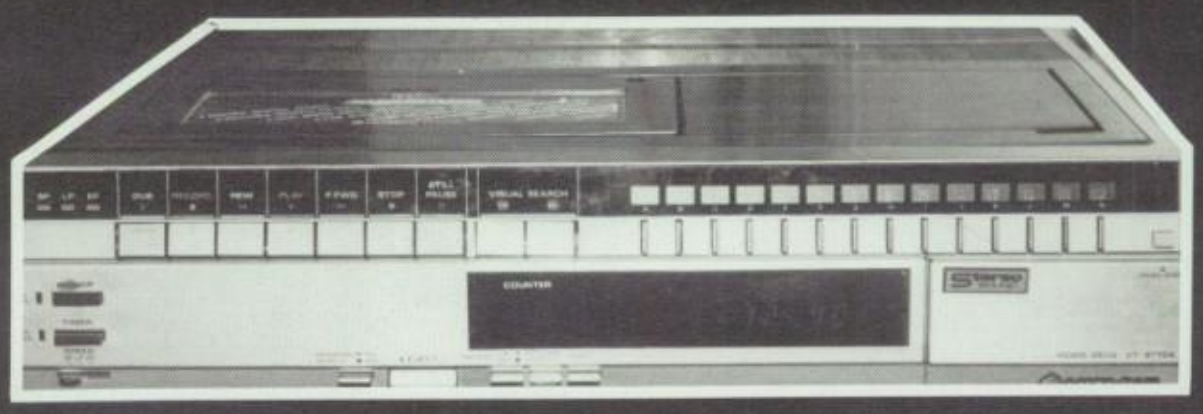
From Sight

The video announced its arrival with a bang on MTV. Audio-visual music was here to stay. Musical groups and album companies spent exorbitant sums of money to produce videos in order to promote their songs and records. Each video was more extravagant and contained more special effects than the previous one. Some were like mini-movies with dialogue, characters, and plots. Others were explicit montages of sight, sound, and images that fit the song. In many cases, the success of the song and the popularity of the performer was determined by the success of the video. Performers were now seen while they sang, and had to convey a style. Videos didn't replace the music industry, they simply enhanced it.





Break out. Melissa Black, alias Michael Jackson, made her Ramapo debut at the annual Halloween Parade.



I want my MTV. Music television has become a mandatory channel for the Ramapo student.

Concerts in the home. The VCR brought videos to the homes of those who were without cable television.

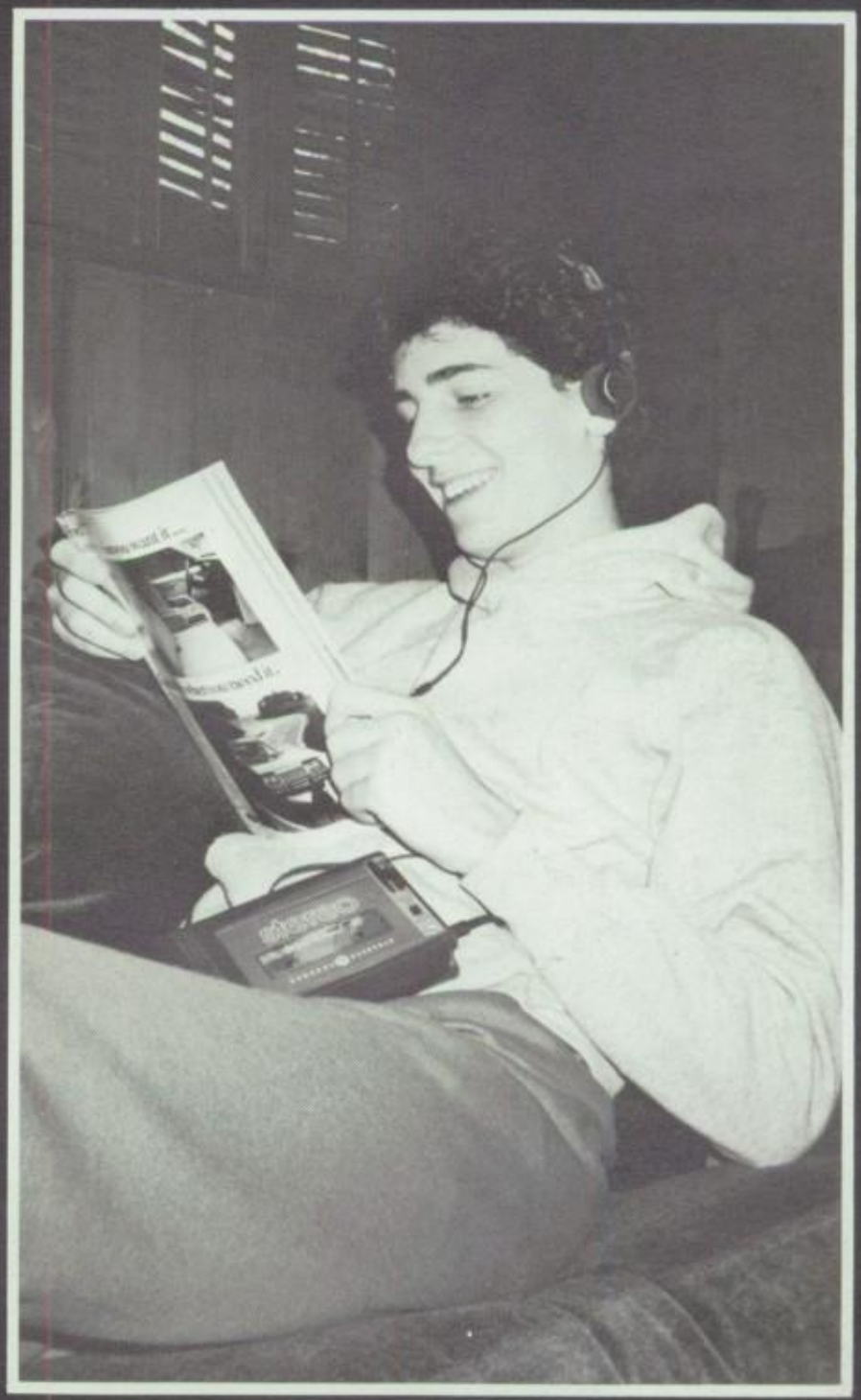
To Sound

As much as music had changed over the years, it was still an integral part of the students everyday life. It could be heard in the car, at school, while studying, talking, and dancing.

Everyone enjoyed listening to music, although not all agreed on what to listen to. Some had favorite stations they listened to. Others idolized one singer or group in particular by depicting its name on their clothes and vowing never to listen to anyone else. Some students chose to listen to the music of a different era, preferring the rock and roll styles of the sixties and seventies to the pop rock music of the eighties. While styles may have changed, the popularity of music itself will never die.

RPM. DJ Jason Sklaver spins his favorite disc.

ten. Senior Steven Newman contemplates another musical acquisition.



A magazine with a soundtrack? Senior Bruce Gimpel is stimulated in more than one sense.

E.I.E.I.O. Larry Rosansky plays on the rides after his Big Mac attack.

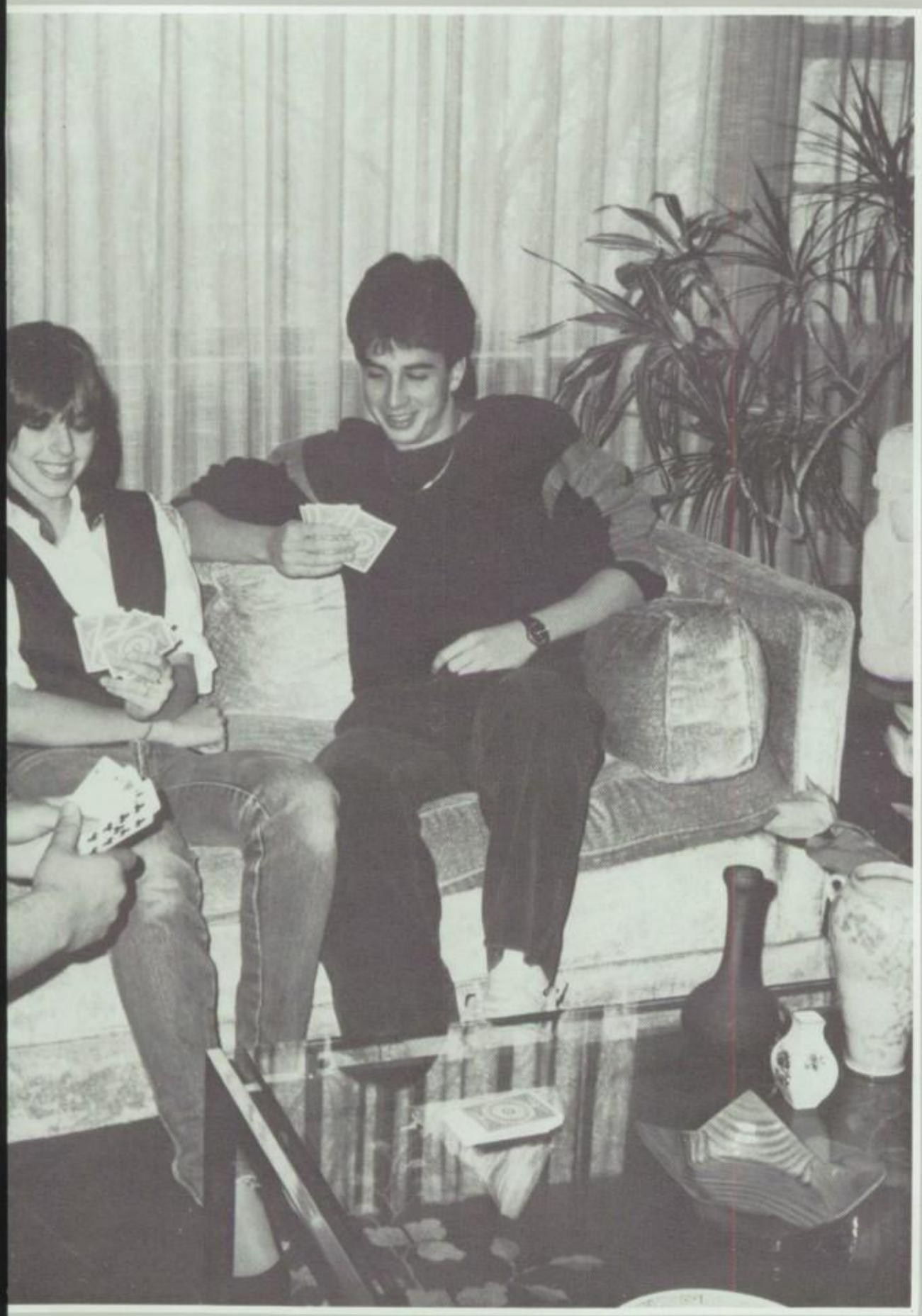
Portrait Of A Hangout

Bargain hunting. Marla Leff searches for the best buy at the flea market.

Place to be. Teenagers' favorite gathering place is the house with the full refrigerator.

The thing about home is it's where your parents hang out. Often, as well, it's where your younger brothers and sisters hang out. Which makes it a pretty uncool place for you to hang out (the important thing about hanging out being not having that feeling, as Rockwell put it, "somebody's watching you."). And so you are driven outside in your pursuit of a hangout, the important word here being driven, on account of the general lack of public transportation in Rockland County.

Where to go then, what to do? You go out, baby, to a place where you can stretch out, relax, hang loose, try yourself on for size. A temporal place to be sure, for hanging out is certainly not shopping, and so if money is spent it cannot result in tangible gains. A place of sensory stimulation. We're talking food and drink, people, fabrics, video screens, temperatures; The Mall, Harriman, your local pizza joint, or someone else's house.



Go fish! All you have to do is give Philip Friedbaum, Gi-Gi Collazo, and David Freedman a deck of cards and they're set for the evening.

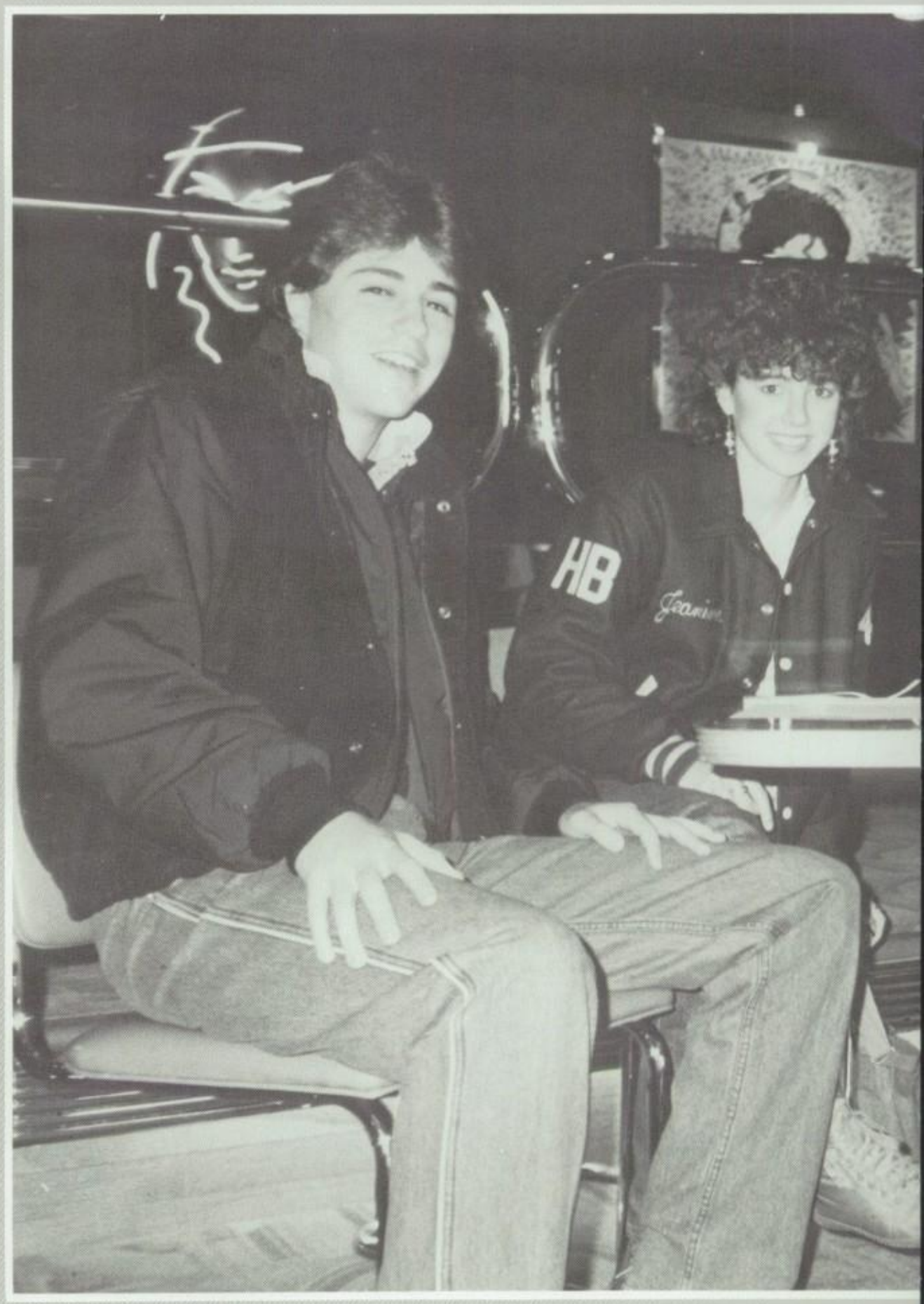
Alley cats. Michele Edelman and Tracy Aguado like to spend time bowling a few games over the weekend.

Playing for love. A confused Stacy Gitter spends her afternoons trying to master the sport of tennis.

It's showtime! Ramapo students get their choice of six different flicks when they go to "the movies."

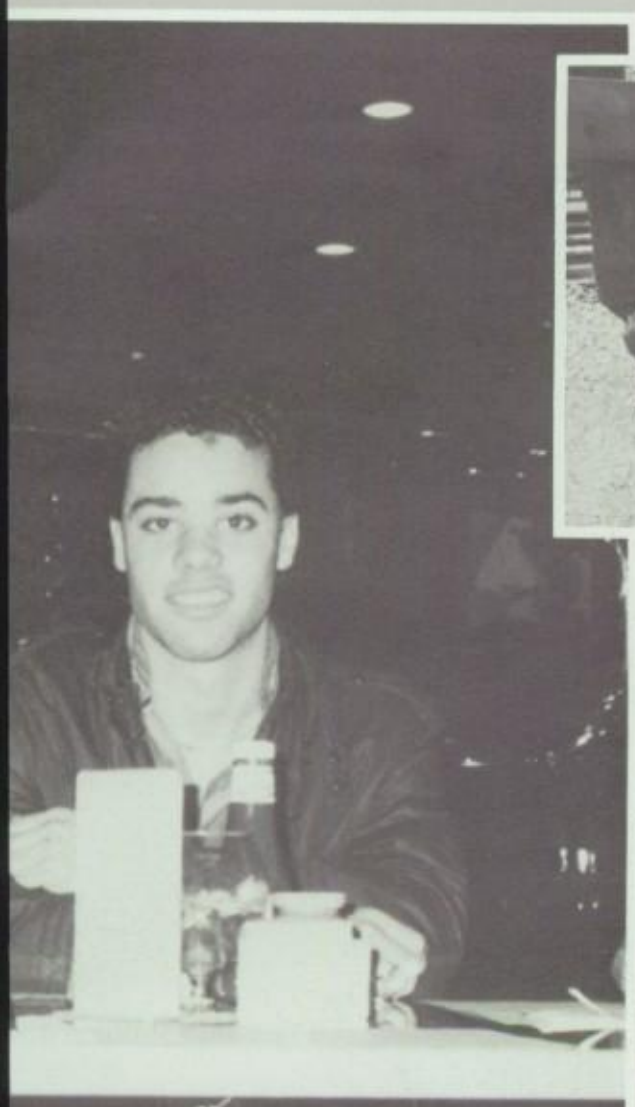
Three's company. Jeff Friedman, Jeanine Ercoreca, and Jay Levine enjoy dining at Daly's Dandelion.

Let's get physical. Larry Boxer gets caught up in the fitness craze.



Just browsing. Given the opportunity, Andrea Dresdale could spend hours at a time reading through the books at the mall.

Down by the riverside. Pauline Plaviak, Paul Ruderman, and Jenny Geller enjoy spending time at the nearby Hudson River.



What a swinger. Sophomore Van Yu spends spare time hanging upside down in his backyard.

HANG LOOSE

Something's fishy. It could be hours before Steven Regina catches a fish.

Swimmers take your mark. Alex Francois can't seem to give up those summer days at the town pool.

And you go out and you do not kill time for you spend time and you spend it wisely and sweetly while you hang out, and you grow and it is the hanging out that you remember. For you have left behind you pieces, pieces of yourself dropped and scattered across the County, pieces which remain imperceptibly. The stain on your neighbor's carpet, the echo of your footsteps on a staircase in the Mall, your fingerprints on the chrome and your toothmarks on the rim of a glass washed and racked at Daly's, a kernel of your popcorn dormant and uncollected beneath a seat at the Movies, some cigarette ash flicked carelessly out your car window onto Route 59, the sound of your voice resonating eternally off the glass of a video game.

These places stay with you as well.

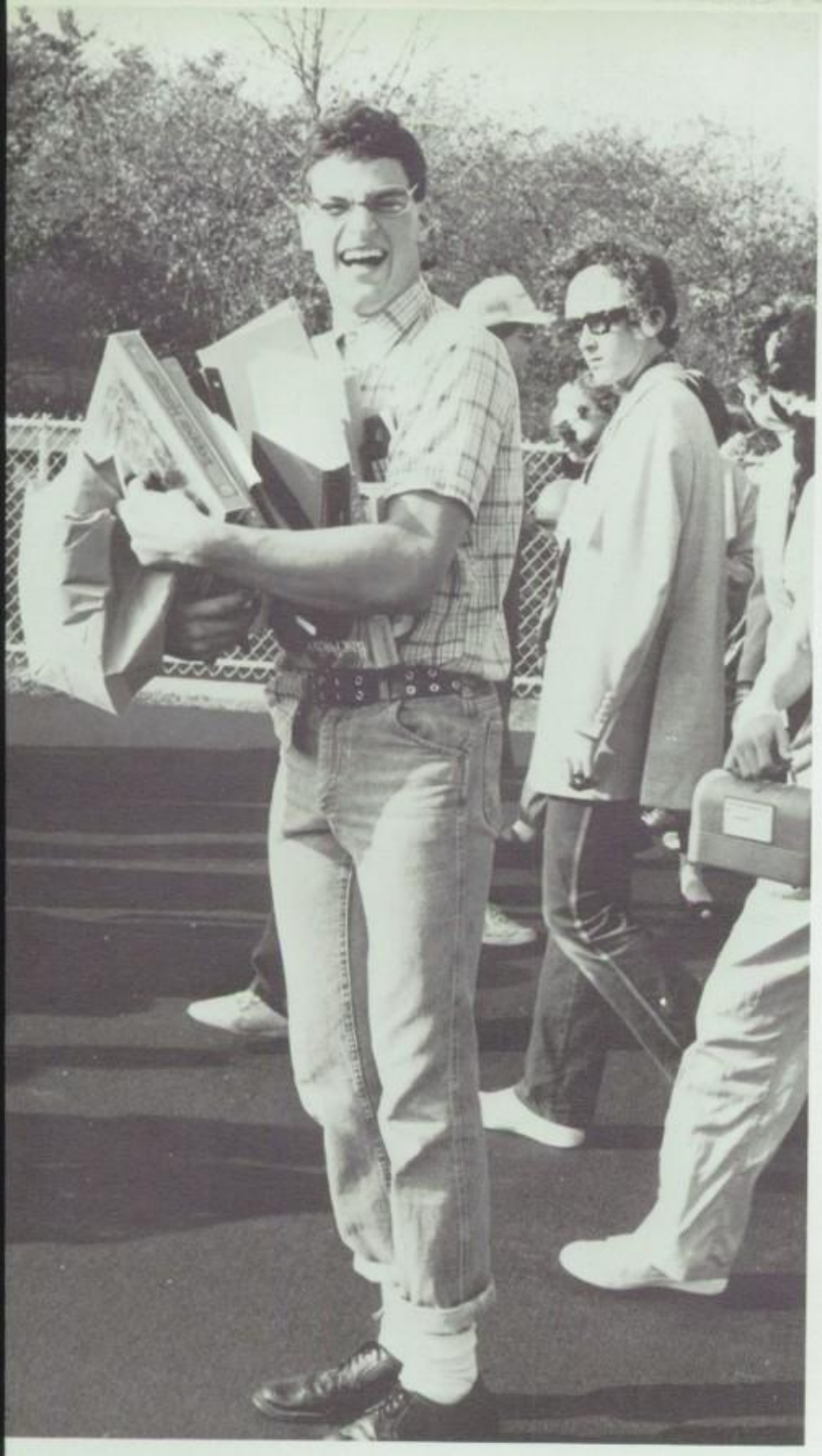
School Spirits

May the best man win. Looks like this Reagan-Bush team of Evan Walk and Eric Frank was a success.

Foreign policy. Social studies teachers Dan Greschuk and Don Cairns model their heroes.

Guess who? Michael and Filomena Passariello won the prize for best couple in Halloween contest.

Buenos dias! Senior Jon Friedman gets a taste of the Spanish culture.



On Parade

If one were to have visited Ramapo on October 31, he would have observed some strange activities going on, including a parade of weird creatures marching around a track. No, it was not a gym class out for a brisk morning jog. It was the annual Halloween Parade, a Ramapo tradition.

Although the parade was threatened to be cancelled this year due to apparent lack of interest in participation, hundreds of students arrived at school in costume making it the largest Halloween Parade in Ramapo history. Why the sudden surge of student involvement? Perhaps it was because students realized that Halloween was the perfect day to show their school spirit by becoming involved in a fun activity.

Halloween allowed students to become anything they wished to be, and let a part of their inner selves come to the surface. Students dressed as babies, gangsters, sex symbols, favorite movie stars, and even teachers. Aside from the usual display of ghosts, ghouls, goblins, and witches, this year's parade featured costumes that were original, innovative, and unusual. Students let their imaginations run wild when creating their disguises. Some of the more creative ones were grapes, eyes, a clothesline, the Grim Reaper, nerds, and a mouse in cheese. Some of the teachers also chose to dress up, and were unrecognizable in their get ups.

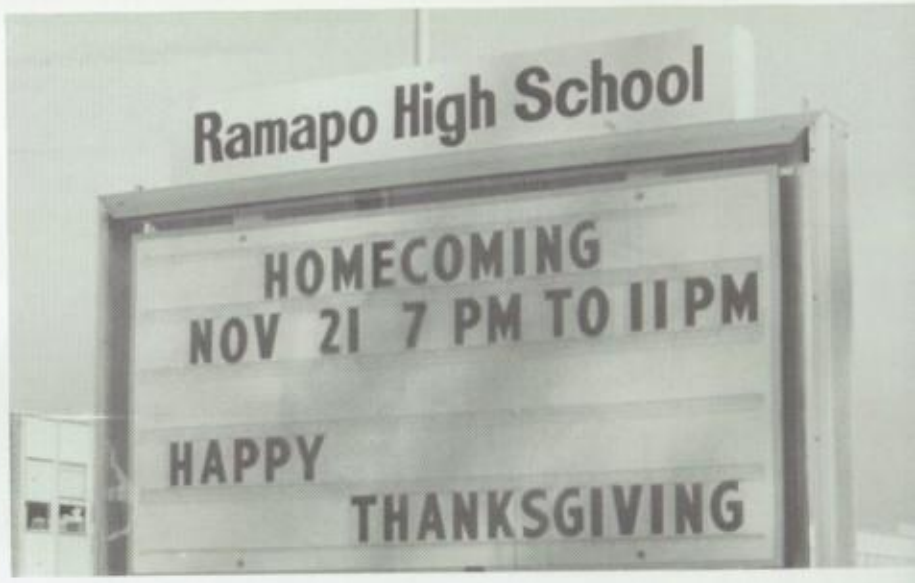
Although prizes were awarded, most students took part in the parade for the sheer fun of it.

Revenge of the nerd. Football player Barry Ritz decides it's time for a change of image.

Put on a happy face. Faye Bier, Felicia Babtiste, Liz Manning, Maria Caducio, and Audrey Vasquez flash a smile for the cameras on Halloween.

Coming Home

Absence makes the heart grow fonder. Proof of this platitude was witnessed at one of the warmest traditions at Ramapo: Homecoming. The Thanksgiving holiday became even more special with the reunion of the returning students with their old teachers and friends. Although Homecoming was not celebrated with the dances and parades usually associated with it at other high schools, it created a great commotion. A few days before the event, graduates could be seen in the halls during school, visiting teachers and friends. The gym was miraculously transformed from a couple of common basketball courts to a party room. The atmosphere was lively and a D.J. played old favorites, as well as new dance tunes. Enthusiastic faces were everywhere. Among those who attended were this year's seniors, last year's seniors, and other Ramapo graduates. Post graduates were overflowing with stories of their college adventures, sharing news about home and school. Those who were once just teachers were now friends, and they conversed zealously with former students. Talk of family, friends, what was being studied at college, how bad the food was, current success and future plans could be heard. The senior class of 1985 found the answers to all of their college questions from first hand sources. Helpful tips on what to look for, where to apply, how to apply and how to maintain sanity until the notification date in April were greatly appreciated. The mixed emotions of sentimentality, elation, excitement, and enthusiasm pervaded the evening.



Arimaspian 1984. Russel Ruthen and Stacey Richman, past yearbook editors, pose for yet another yearbook picture.

Once a student, always a friend. Ramapo graduate Paul Schwartz shares a hug with his favorite English teacher Mrs. Dorothy Huber.

A greeting from the top. Former Ramapo student Seth Resnikoff gets a warm welcome from Principal Mr. John Lane.

Welcome home. All graduates from years past are welcomed back to Ramapo High School every year at Thanksgiving.

All smiles. Adam Mathios looks happy to see his friend Stacey Dresdale who still attends Ramapo.

Take five. Marc Decker and Caleb Schwartz always have time to get their picture taken.

Sealed with a kiss. Senior Bethany Marks shows how much she missed Stephen Levine who has been away at college.

Together again. Samantha Nurbin and Mark Rabinowitz demonstrate the true purpose of Homecoming.

Land ho! Natalie Cekleniak, Greg Sandberg, and Debbie Levins rehearse a skit satirizing Christopher Columbus.

On their toes. Jill Ehnenn, Greg Sandberg, Natalie Cekleniak, Denise Wishingrad, and David Klein perform their featured dance in *"Up to Our Old Tricks."*

Bass and backup. Musical Director Brian Besterman harmonizes with his band "No Mystery."

Up To Our Old Tricks

As the stage lights came up on the 1984 Senior Class Talent Show, the audience sat in expectation. Would it live up to the superb precedent set by past talent shows? The first number, "Up to Our Old Tricks", performed by the entire company, was filled with the same excitement, music, talent, and color for which past shows had been famous.

Under the skilled direction of David Makower and Evan Kremin, the Talent Show was a fast moving display of Ramapo's most talented students. The best singers, dancers, and comedians had their own chance underneath the spotlight. Emcees Ricky Irace, Andy Godsberg, Ted Sevransky, and Allan Title provided non-stop laughter and hilarious between-skit interludes, that satirized student life and poked fun at the teachers. Musical Directors Steven Schenfeld and Brian Besterman, along with the pit band, enhanced the musical numbers as well as provided music for the audience's listening pleasure. The bands "Eightball", "Pegasus", and "No Mystery" presented a varied selection of songs from the past two decades and the pop music of today.

The company's other two musical numbers, "Light Sings" and "Fantasy", were feasts for the senses, appealing in both sight and sound. The audience left in good spirits, having enjoyed a fine evening of entertainment.

Stings like a bee. Junior Jennifer Naparstek bewitches the audience with her seductive melody, *"Queen Bee."*

Light sings. Kelly Stein, Jennifer Naparstek, Debbie Ferber, Ted Sevransky, Corey Goldberg, Lisa Alpert, Jon Friedman, Debbie Levins, Stephanie Wise, Christine Posa, Maj Wickstrom, Vicki Henry, Debbie Blumenthal, Dale Klein, Denise Wishingrad, David Klein, Jon Stohler, Elissa Cohen, Dana Weiner, Michelle Paikin, Tracy Adler, Susan Blumenthal, and Bernie Bierman perform a spectacular production number.

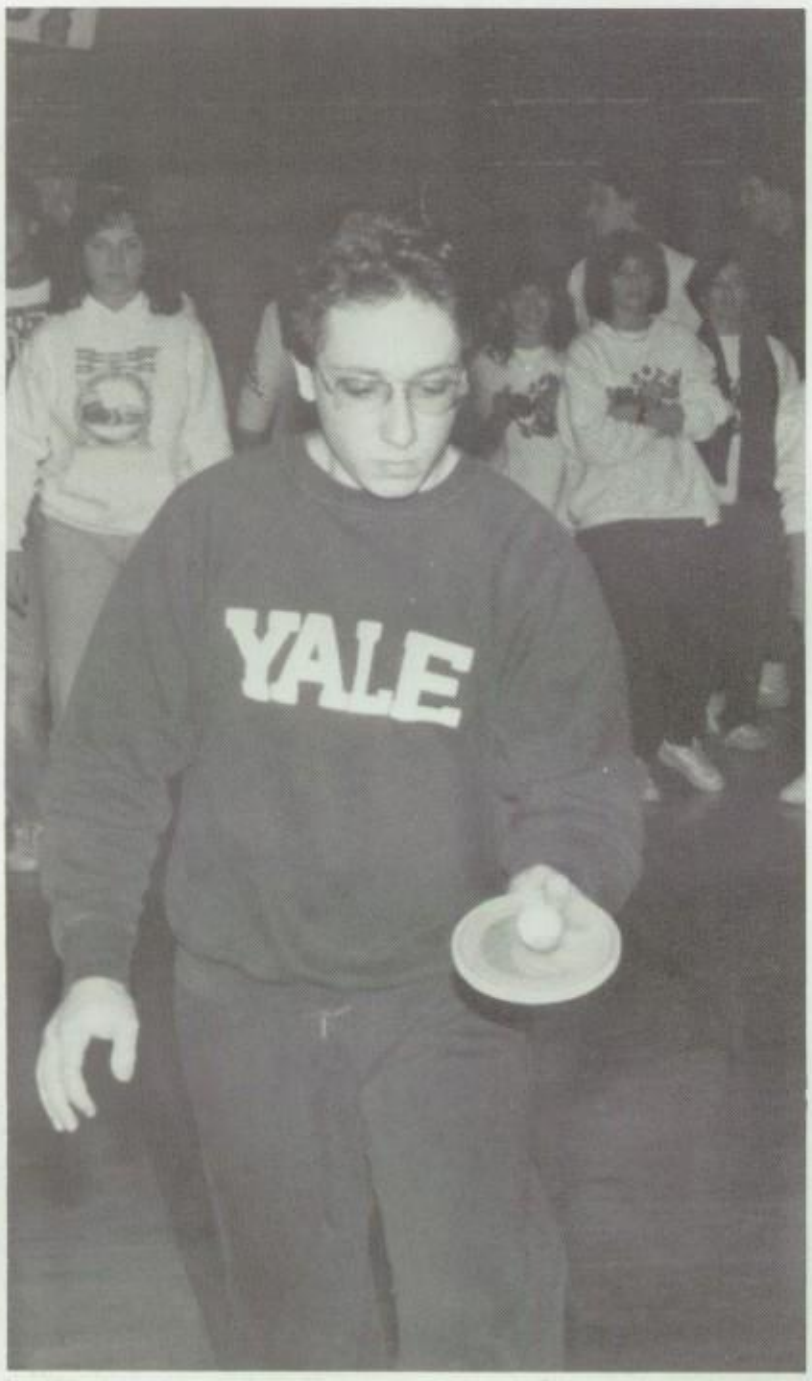
Three stooges. Ricky Irace observes while senior Andrew Godsberg gives Director Evan Kremin his "just desserts."

Who you gonna call? Emcee Ricky Irace lounges around the stage between acts.

Go big red! The Communist squad is anxious for the games to begin.

A Political Party

Every four years the Summer and Winter Olympics evoke a spirit of humanism, sportsmanship and athleticism around the globe. All of the pride and glory that is the Olympic games was simulated at the Capitalist-Communist Olympics at Ramapo, which have been in existence for several years. An intense rivalry develops each semester between Mr. Cairns' Russian History classes and Mr. Rauer's Economics classes which can only be settled through vigorous athletic competition. The philosophy behind Mr. Donald Cairns' strategy to win the games was based on the principles of Communism: comaraderie, togetherness, and uniformity. A visible expression of this was their identical Russian History sweatshirts. The Capitalists, coached by Mr. Gordon Rauer, operated under a different strategy. Trying to get ahead through individualism was practiced.

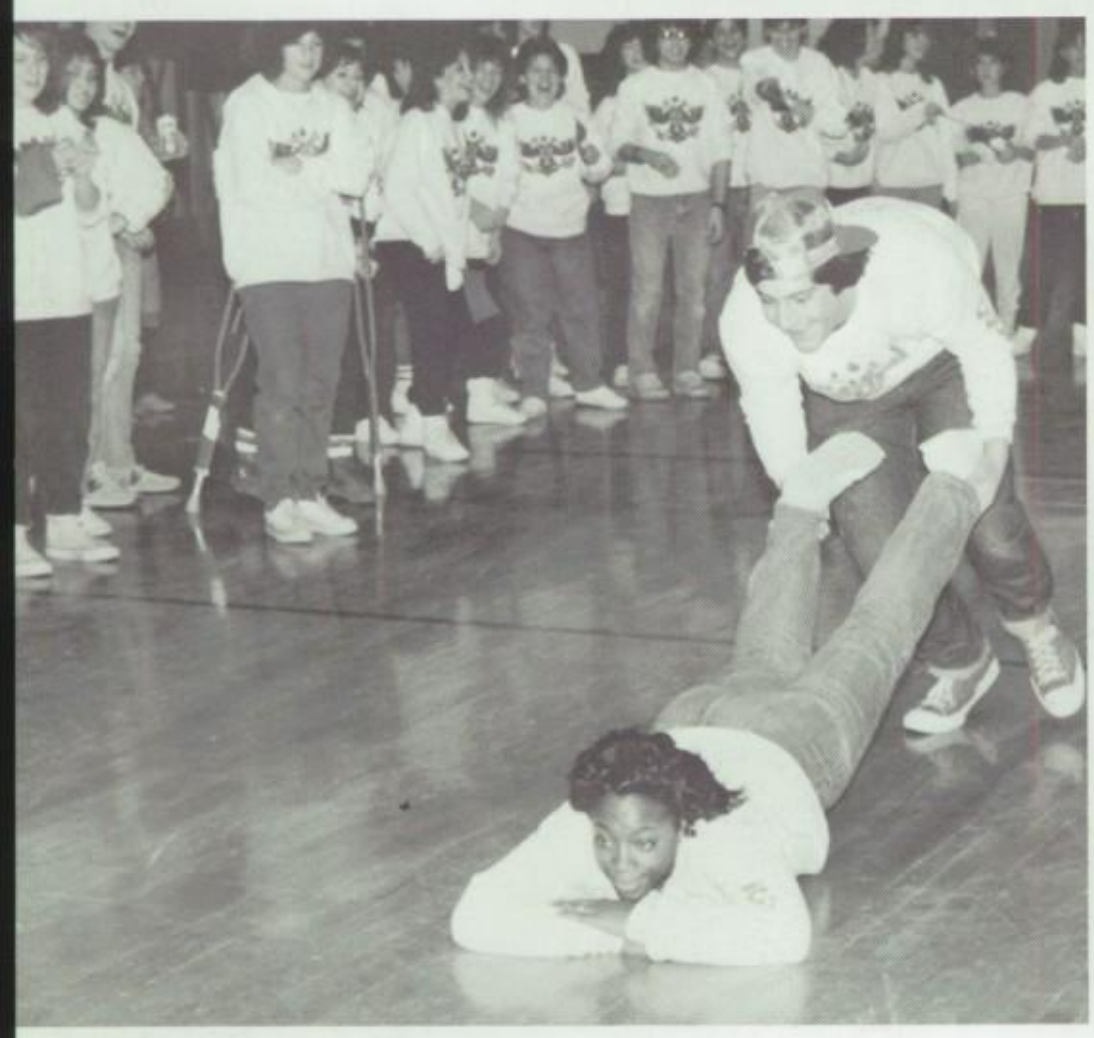


Steady as you go. Andy Godsberg concentrates on his paddle and ball as he races to the finish line.

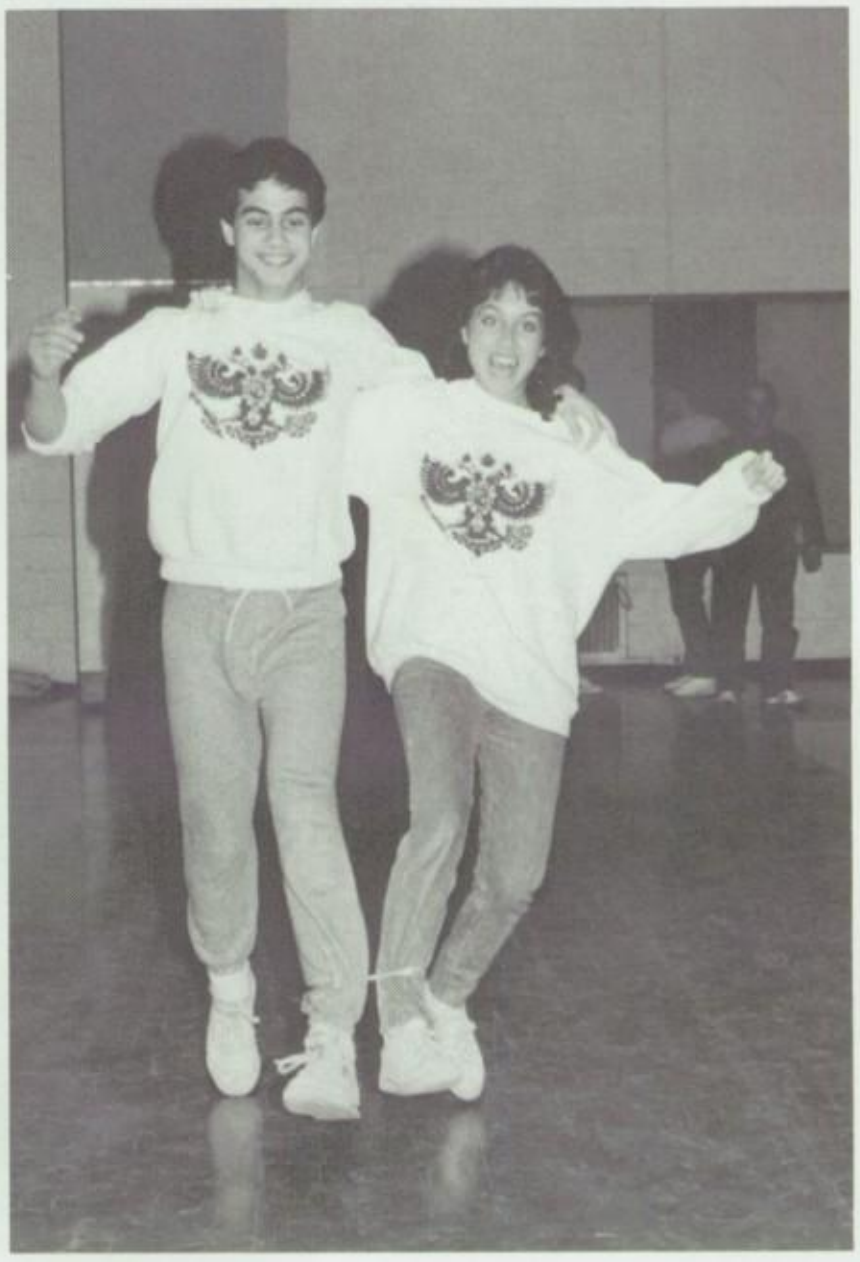
Jump in the sack. Ruvain Gittleman has had extensive previous experience in the sack.

A sweet situation. Loren Stolarsky's and Robert Greenstein's favorite event was obviously the life-saver pass.

Stars and stripes forever. Phil Weissberg is a true capitalist at heart.



Elbow grease. Andy Meyer and Deborah Branch develop their own version of the wheelbarrow race.



Three legs are better than one. Lauren Cohen and Marc Weissman strive to reach the finish line before the capitalists do.

Stalemate. Economics Captain Gordon Rauer negotiates with head Comrade Don Cairns as Michael Patterson looks on.

Had enough? Debbie Branch looks more than a little surprised when she is told she has to eat another quart of ice cream.

International Intermurals

The events that highlighted the evening's activities were the ice cream and pie eating contest, the big wheel race and the volleyball competition. The most demanding of these was the dizzy lizzy, in which athletes spun ten times around a baseball bat and tried to find their way across the finish line. The orange pass required coordination as an orange was passed using only the head and neck. The winning athletes gained respect from their peers and brought pride, glory and points to their team. Perhaps one of the most trying competitions was the potato sack race. The outcome of this race ultimately determined who was better in the sack.

The spring games differed slightly from the winter in that they were held outdoors. This biannual event certainly broke up the semester-end-doldrums, while providing friendly competition and fun for all who attended. All in all, the Capitalist-Communist Olympics were a great display of courage, determination, humility and perseverence.

Not quite the red, white, and blue. Leslie Suchman shows her pride by waiving the Comrade flag.

Ready to go. Josh Simon, Noel Plasker, Eric Londo, Ricky Irace, Ken Kiczales, Robert Klein, and Ken Telvi are determined that the Capitalists will triumph.

From the top. Director Gene Minor expects perfection from the cast.

The ensemble, left to right: Yael Gershon, Karin Goldman, Elyse Sussman, Robin Jacobson, Jason Brown, Stacey Zarnet, Paula Ruthen, Priscilla Saltzman, Adam Stolarsky, Sharon Pellis, Steven Schenfeld, Randy Zarnet, Suzannah Ohring, Evan Kremin, Amy Pitluk, Jon Friedman, Robert Klein, Jennifer Naparstek, Suzy Blumenthal, Caroline Witte, Greg Sandberg, Natalie Cekleniak, Kelly Stein, Loren Stolarsky, Jill Ehnenn, Andy Godsberg, Karen Lane, Debbie Blumenthal, Stephanie Wise, Elizabeth Manning, Stephen Flynn, Ian Sklaver, Michelle Roth, Debbie Levins, Christine Posa, David Klein, Jennifer Cantor, David Makower, Gene Minor, Lori Weiser, Allan Title.

"The Best Of All Possible" Shows

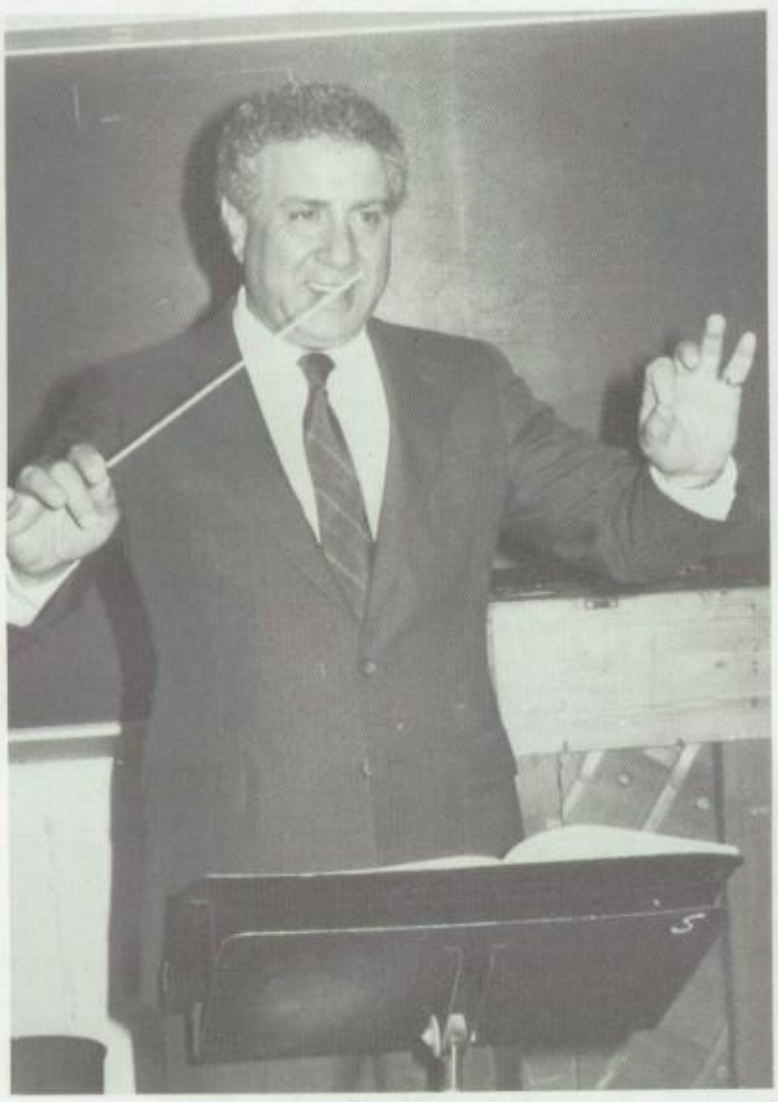
Candide, famous satire turned comedic operetta, awed the crowds late in April this year. This sophisticated show was a challenge well met. The new director, Gene Minor, had perfect chemistry with the extremely willing and receptive cast. It seems that the Ramapo show tradition had been rekindled, reminding us of professional, high caliber performances the school has always enjoyed.

In his Ramapo directing debut, Gene Minor, Bergen Youth Orchestra conductor and French Woods Festival of the Performing Arts musical director, led a cast of 43 members to three sell out nights filled with the satire of Voltaire, the music of Bernstein, and the ingenuity of Minor. Minor was assisted by Bernie Bierman, and stage managers Karen Lane and Jon Friedman who led a technical crew which provided important final touches.

The 1985 leads were David Makower with the title role and Natalie Cekleniak as his leading lady. Supporting them are seniors Greg Sandberg and Jill Ehnenn and juniors Debbie Levins and David Klein.

Don't let it happen again. Lighting director Mitchell I. C. Reed reprimands his crew.

Jumpin' Jen. Jolly junior Jennifer Naparstek jumps joyfully.



Mr. V. Mr. Vincent Virgilio leads the orchestra during one of the many full pit rehearsals.

Pit rehearsal. Peter Loring, Jeff Corrib, and Jimmy Ryan conduct a small rehearsal during school.

Oh pray for us. Michelle Roth, Robin Jacobson, Stacey Zarnet, and Suzy Blumenthal rehearse a dramatic scene.

Death to Candide. Executioners Robert Klein and Ja-
on Brown bring David Makower to trial.

These and the rest of a diversified cast labored long hours through meticulous rehearsals in preparation for the performances.

Vincent Virgilio resumed his longtime seat as musical director after a one year hiatus in which Glen Rubin conducted the pit orchestra. Leonard Bernstein's challenging scoring was handled exceptionally well by our skilled maestro whose sensitive interpretations enhanced each number to no end.

The Ramapo musical production was a major event of the year. The success of the show truly demonstrated that a performance can be high quality, successful, and fun to do while being respectful to the limitations set by the school, as the administration was extremely pleased with the production. It seems that Ramapo's production of *Candide* will set the standard for our musicals for many years to come.

Do-Re-Mi. Natalie Cekleniak, Jill Ehnenn, and Debbie Levins form a charming trio in Act 1.

ndide crew. Arthur Kalman, Conrado Caducio, gina Corless, Ted Sevransky, Gordon Haber, and rchell Reed review some last minute technical oblems.

Dynamic Duo. Assistant director Bernie Bierman and stage manager Karen Lane inspect a costume inventory.

Up, Up, And Away

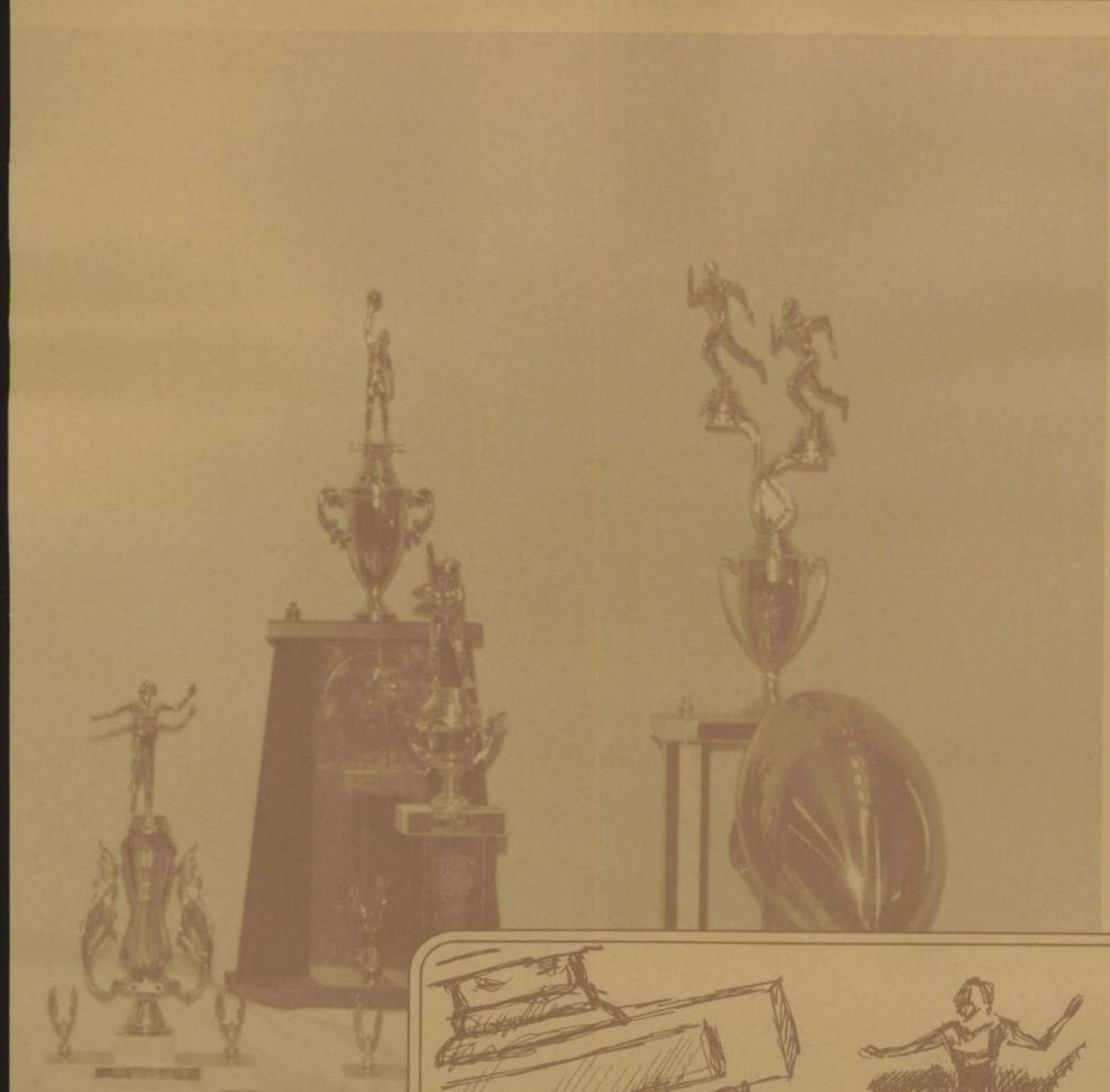
We do not fear the future, but embrace it with confidence and determination to fulfill our potential. Our education has enabled us to recognize our limitations and capabilities, so that our goals have become eminently realistic. One day, a picture, a book, a poem, or a thought will evoke a flood of memories from our Ramapo days and we will remember the face, recall the place, relive the game, and remember the name with love, happiness, and success because we made it so.

Masters Of The Game

We are the champions. The awards received by Gryphon athletes prove they are truly masters of the game.

The phrase "the thrill of victory - the agony of defeat" perhaps epitomizes how we felt about Gryphon sports, athleticism and competition. Both spectators and players were uplifted by a wave of euphoria when Ramapo's teams won, and were left subdued when they lost. The playing field was the focus of Gryphon spirit. Our vitality fueled the mighty green machine.

However, our victories did not only show in the game score, but in personal improvement and achievement. The personal best of individual team members contributed to the success of the team as a whole. We did not only play to win, but for ourselves, and each other. Upon surrendering to fatigue, one could not help questioning, "Why am I doing this to myself?" Yet, something always made us return to another grueling practice the next day. That something was perhaps a victorious moment during a



game, simple individual satisfaction after a meet, or feelings of good health and physical fitness. What we received for what seemed like a sacrifice made the long painful hours of practice worthwhile. Gryphon challenges were met with success in the county, sectional and state competitive levels. Championship season or rebuilding year, state record setter or personal goal-maker , Ramapo's Gryphons won, even when they lost.

Athletics

Practice Makes . . .

Practices are an essential part of any sport. In order to excel in a particular event one must constantly practice. Whether the sport be tennis, baseball, or soccer, training is a key ingredient for success. This holds true for football also. The grueling practices can last for more than four and one half hours. Coach Scarpulla feels that practice is fundamental, and that it must be pursued in order to ensure the readiness and quickness of his players and help prevent injuries.

Before the actual practice starts they have a pre-practice warm-up. During this time the players do a series of calisthenics, some of which include jumping jacks, sit-ups, push-ups, and toe touches. Then each football player goes through a series of fundamental skills, in which each person works on his specialty (kicking, blocking, punting, etc.). Afterwards the entire team groups together in order to do team stretches to increase flexibility. They then practice their starts and stances to increase quickness. After the preliminary work is completed, the players go to individual and group skills. This is where the blocks, tackles, and sequences are practiced. Then all the groups band together, which forms the section of the practice called teamwork. The players go through actual plays in order to increase their productivity.

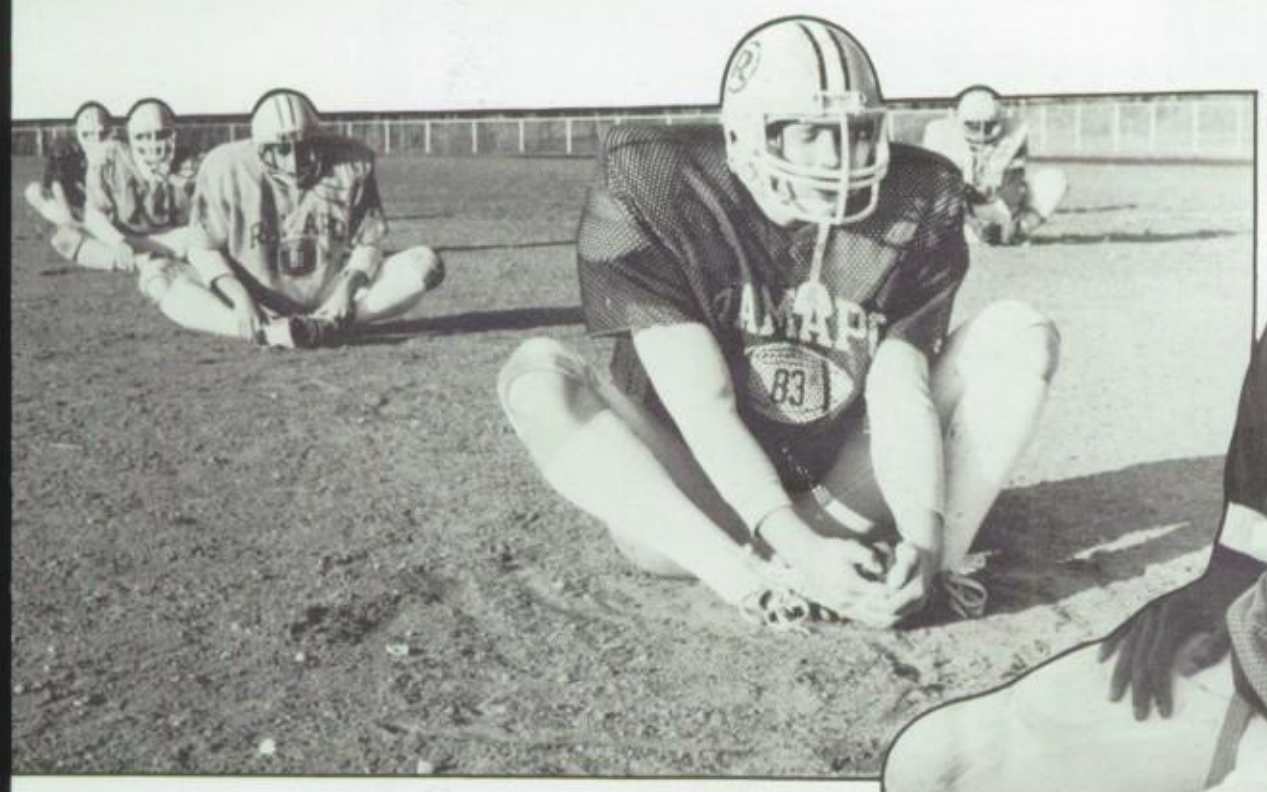
1984 Football

Ramapo		Opponent
32	Nyack	6
35	Clarkstown North	0
28	R. C. Ketchum	0
0	Kingston	7
11	Clarkstown South	29
Forfeit	Newburgh	
19	Suffern	12
10	John Jay	0
13	Spring Valley	14

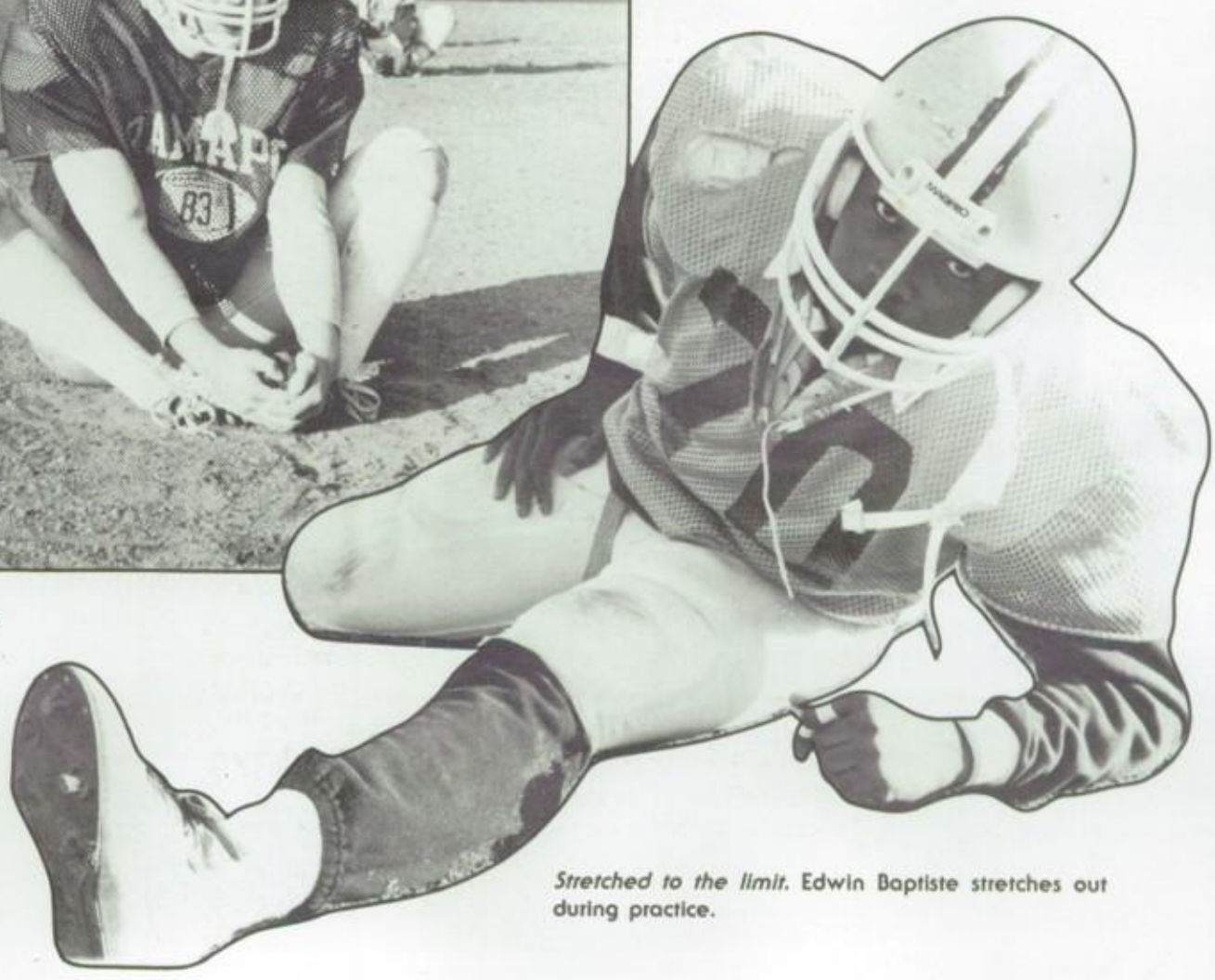
Team Record 5-4

Dear Adam,
It has been a great year, especially in health. Your comic relief got me through an otherwise boring period. Good Luck at New Hampshire
your Friend
Art Kalman

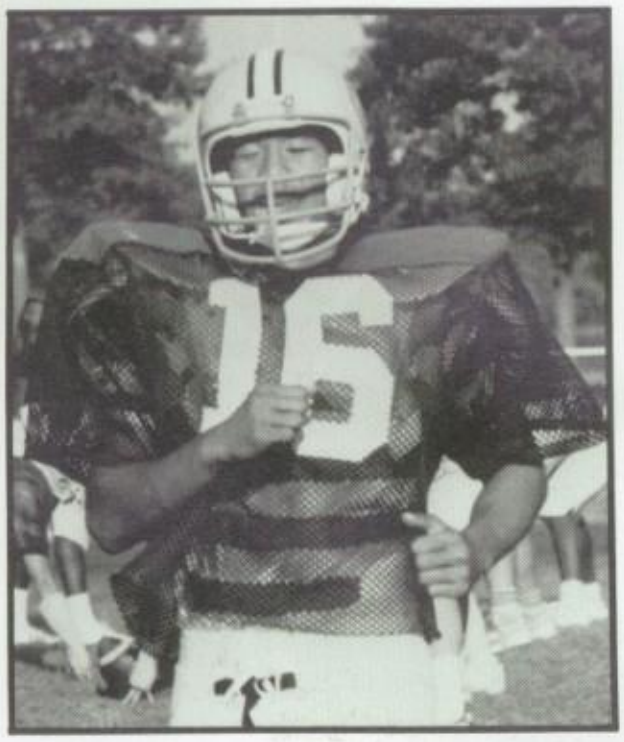
Arthur Kalman. "It's unfortunate my injury prevented me from finishing the season. Even though I was not physically with the team on the field, I was with them in spirit."



No gain without the pain. Howie Marcus leads the team in calisthenics.



Stretched to the limit. Edwin Baptiste stretches out during practice.



Andy Yu. "Although I was out for most of the season, I mentally endured the same things as the rest of the team. I support the Gryphons in all their endeavors."

Perfect

The 1984 Ramapo Gryphons were a tough, hungry, and talented group of players whose laudable goals were abruptly subdued due to an insufficient number of players. Last year gave glimpses of greatness for this year's team with a victory over the outstanding North Rockland team, ending North Rockland's 25 game winning streak. Coach Scarpulla expected captains Arthur Kalman, Lou Silverman, Steven Bryant, Andre Nottingham, and Chris Bibbins to lead the Gryphons to a championship. The team's offensive attack was led by quarterback Nottingham and speedster Bibbins. The stalwart defense which held opponents to six points in the first three games of the season was led by Bryant and Kalman. The team was ready for a prosperous season but a rash of injuries and ineligibility resulted in a struggle for stability.

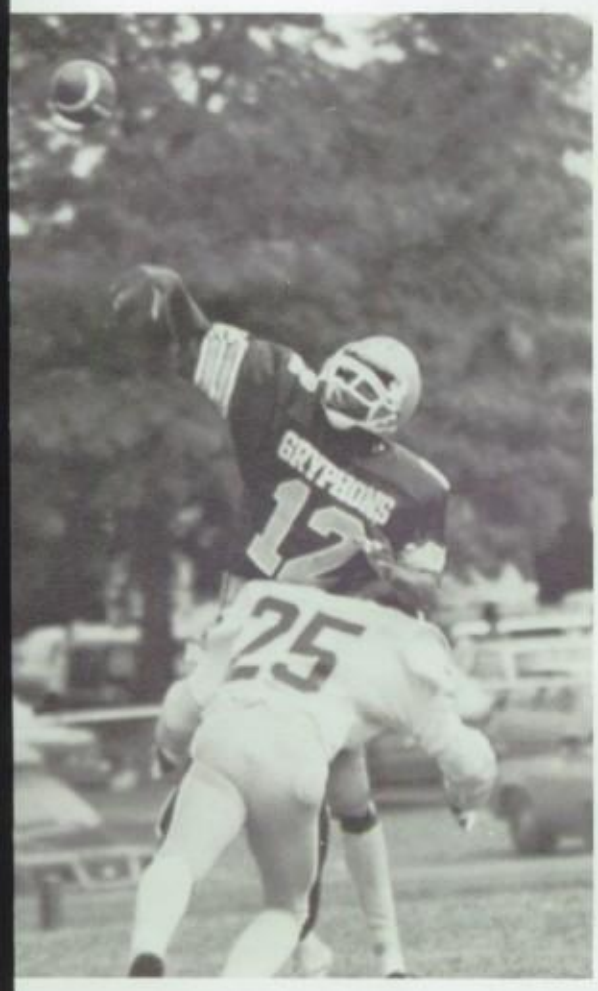
The start of the Gryphon season put the team well on its way to an outstanding final record. The season opener was played under the lights of Nyack High School in front of an overflowing crowd. Both the offense and defense showed their strength by registering 32 points while allowing only six. The next game against Clarkstown North was not only a win for the Gryphons, but Bibbins ran for 229 yards, helping Ramapo blank the Rams 35-0. By defeating R.C. Ketcham, the Gryphons earned a number two ranking in the district and set the stage for a clash against another 3-0 team, number one ranked powerhouse Kingston.

Leg power. Steve Bryant gets a kick out of the game.

Dressed to kill. Barry Ritz takes a breather during a difficult game.

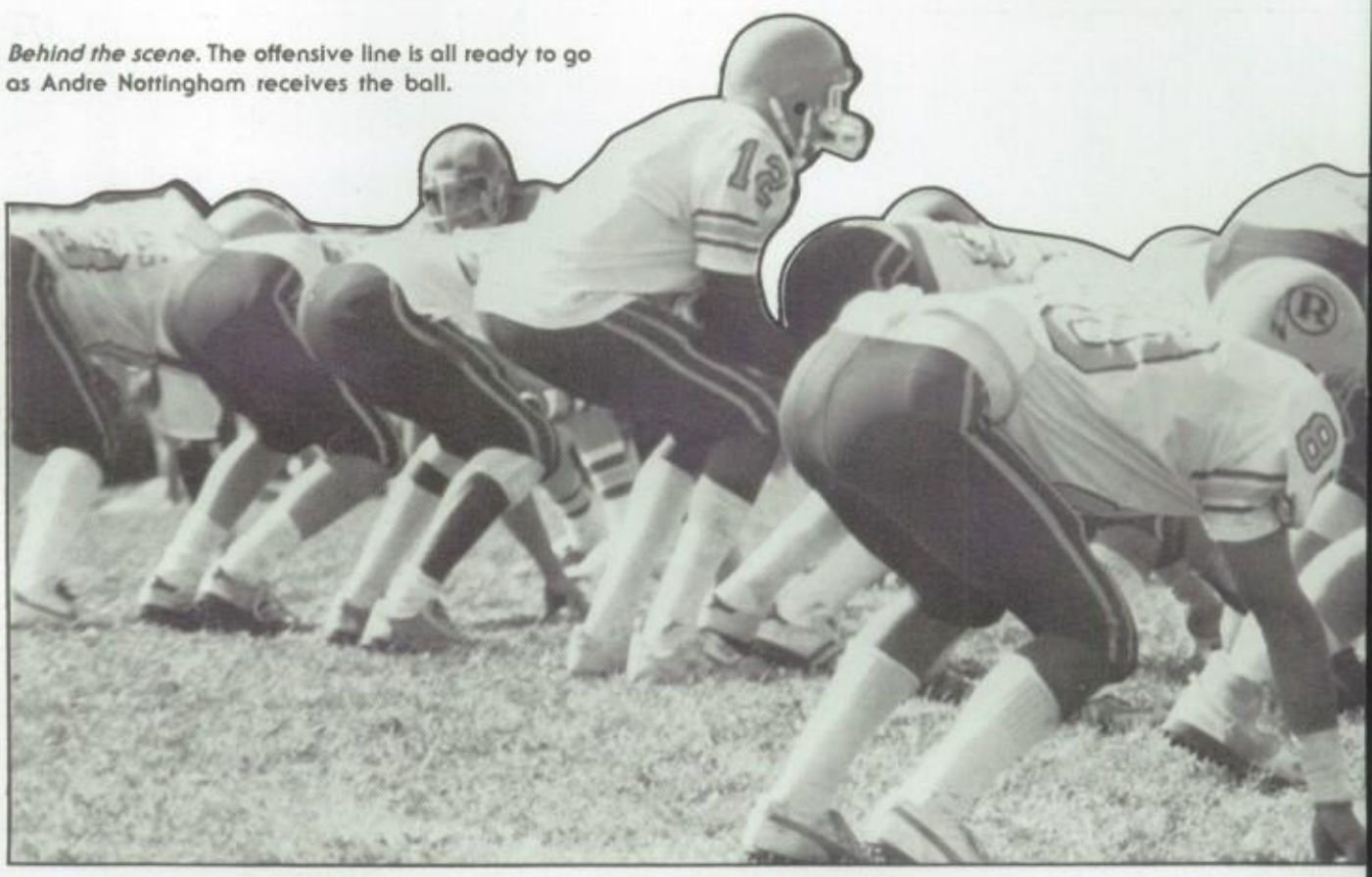
Breaking away. Edwin Baptiste takes off for the end zone after the ball is snapped.

Just in time. Quarterback Andre Nottingham releases the ball just before getting sacked.



Picture this. Captains Steven Bryant, Andre Nottingham, Louis Silverman, Chris Bibbins, and Arthur Kalman have no complaints about taking a minute away from practice.

The upcoming game was being heralded as perhaps the best high school football game of the season. The game was the chance Ramapo had been waiting for, a chance to prove themselves against a powerful team. Before the game ever started, the Gryphons received a major setback- team captain Arthur Kalman could not dress for the game because of an infected arm. Still the Gryphons approached the game with high spirits and a taste for victory. The game was hard fought and the resulting injury to Steve Bryant was a foreshadowing of things yet to come. Top ranked Kingston retained their perch by defeating Ramapo 7-0.



Behind the scene. The offensive line is all ready to go as Andre Nottingham receives the ball.

A Season In Transition

At this point, Ramapo became aware of its lack of depth. The upcoming game against Clarkstown South would be played without some starters and some J.V. players would be dressed for the varsity level. Coach Scarpulla's efforts were in vain as the Vikings defeated the Gryphons and more players were lost to injuries. Those injured included Arthur Kalman, Andy Yu and Artemus Johnson. The team was scheduled to play Newburgh in one week but Coach Scarpulla decided to forfeit the game. The decision was one of the toughest he ever made. As in the previous game, junior varsity players could have been put on the varsity roster but rather than increase the risk of injury, a decision was made to forfeit the game.

After the forfeit, three games remained in the season. The Gryphons were ready for a comeback, and a win over arch-rival Spring Valley would lessen the bitterness felt by the team. One week after the forfeit, the Gryphons battled Suffern and John Jay, winning both of these games.

The last game of the season was against Spring Valley. Every year, the entire student body awaits the clash between the Gryphons and the Tigers, and this year was no exception. The game would pit two of Rockland's premier runners against each other; Ramapo's Chris Bibbins and Spring Valley's John Harvey. The once-mighty Gryphons, hampered by the loss of several key players, were hindered in their attempt to beat the Tigers. It proved to be a game worthy of a rivalry and both teams fought hard to win.

The contest turned out to be evenly matched as the teams stayed close all four quarters. In the last quarter Spring Valley went ahead by a touchdown with a John Harvey score. With less than two minutes left in the game, Bibbins scored a touchdown and left Ramapo trailing by one. A momentous decision faced the Ramapo bench; they could kick an extra point and tie the game at 14 or they could attempt a two point conversion for the victory. With only a few seconds remaining, the decision was made to go for the conversion. What ensued was the stuff rivalries are made of. The Spring Valley defense held back the Ramapo attack and the Tigers won 14-13.

Bombs away! Quarterback Andre Nottingham executes a pass as Jerry Baptiste blocks the defense.

Football fiend. Matt Denberg leaves the field after keeping the opponent's offense in check.

Chris Bibbins. "With all the problems we had this year, we still came out ahead. We had a winning record and we matured as athletes and as people."

The final record of the Gryphons was a let down from what was expected. The Ramapo team was a rather small group, as other recent teams have been, and their lack of depth hurt them greatly. To a small team, one injury could be devastating and when three or four players are out at once, the team can be rendered virtually lifeless. Over the years, student interest in football has decreased, resulting in smaller teams. There have been suggestions of a more zealous recruiting program or even merging the Gryphons with another team.

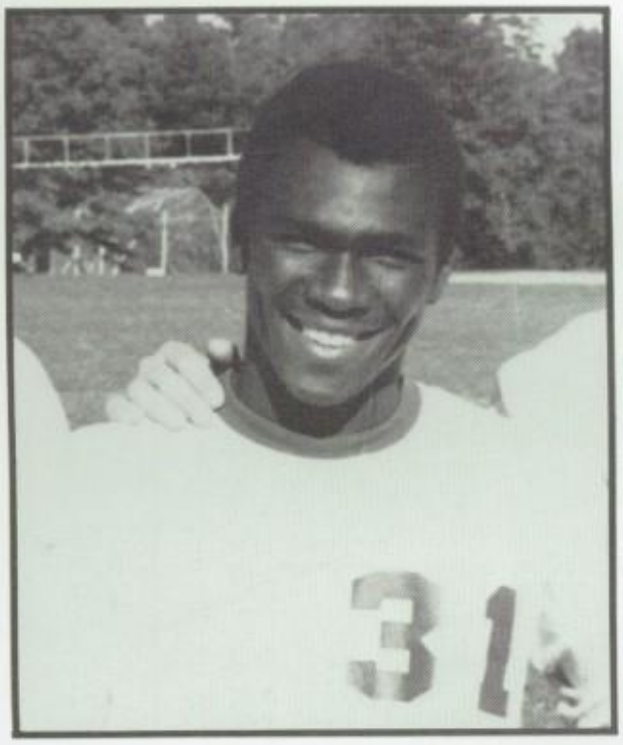
This season was the last one for Coach Scarpulla. It was certainly one of the most exciting and eventful seasons for any coach. This football season will be remembered for both its good times and its bad times. But the after-effects will be felt in Gryphon football for years to come.

Your turn. Artemus Johnson and Josh Simon leave the field before the offensive unit comes on.

Watch out guys! Josh Simon and Andre Nottingham have gotten themselves into what could develop into a dangerous situation.

High five. Jerry Baptiste and Barry Ritz demonstrate their sportsmanship after the game.

The 1985 Varsity Football Team. (Top L to bottom R): Anthony Jones, Andy Yu, Andre Nottingham, Steven Swann, Arthur Kalman, Barry Ritz, Steven Bryant, Howard Marcus, Jerry Baptiste, Edwin Baptiste, William Pettiford, Kenny Johnson, Barry Bennett, Josh Simon, Alex Francois, Louis Silverman, Mitchell Reed, Chris Bibbins, Nick Spano, Matt Denberg, Chris Scudder, Ross Giles, Mark Horowitz, Artemus Johnson, Andrew White, Wayne Weiner and Neil Haas.



Freed Etienne. "Good year, we had fun playing. The only bad thing was when Schoonmaker said that he was retiring."

Heads Up

In Rockland County, it is known that when playing soccer, the team to beat is Ramapo. The Gryphons have had successful winning seasons for many years, and the fall of 1984 was no exception. The Ramapo Boys Soccer team is a relatively large squad of talented athletes. When the seniors on the team graduated, there were always plenty of gifted ball players to replace them. Ramapo did not, however, have their wins handed to them. A practice season beginning in late August and continuing throughout November, left the Gryphons in superb physical condition. Opposing teams expected to, and did play harder against Ramapo because of Ramapo's excellent record. The fall of 1984 was long and difficult, but satisfying and rewarding. As always, the Gryphons rose to the challenge, and met it with determination and victory.

The team started the season strongly and ended the season in the same style. After beating all the teams in their section, the Gryphons went on to the New York State Sectionals. Gary Schoonmaker held the prestigious position of coach to this successful team. Coach Schoonmaker had the honor of taking the Gryphons to the sectionals where they won Conference B of Section 1. Although a team may possess skill, determination and the desire to win, these necessary elements do not have much significance without a good coach. A coach who gains the respect of the team, works his team to maximum efficiency and playing ability, and is sensitive and encouraging, can make an incredible difference in the way the team plays on the field. The outstanding skills of individuals become integrated into a smooth coordinated offensive or defensive play during a game.

Head on. The tension mounts for Neil Vitiello and his challenger.

Hands on. Adam Snider makes a throw in from the sidelines.

Back to back. Freed Etienne and his opponent go after the ball at the same time.

The 1985 Varsity Boys Soccer Team. Assistant coach Arbine Payson, Eric Abramson, Yves Gaschette, Brenda DePaula, Robert Glashow, Michael Origilia, Chris Conklin, Neil Vitiello, Kire Chin, Franz St. Ville, Coach Gary Schoonmaker, Manager Ben Payson, Darren Jodice, Greg Halterman, Steven Shine, Gary Baptiste, Adam Snider, Noel Velasco, Freed Etienne, and David Konstandt.

Boot the ball. Robert Glashow shows his skill at defense.

A Gratifying Season

1984 Boys Soccer

Ramapo		Opponent
2	Kingston	2
3	Clarkstown South	0
1	Lincoln	3
2	Kingston	1
3	Newburgh	0
1	North Rockland	0
2	Clarkstown North	1
1	North Rockland	1
1	Suffern	2
2	Clarkstown North	0
0	Spring Valley	1
1	Newburgh	0
1	Suffern	3
1	Clarkstown South	0
1	Spring Valley	3
1	Mahopac	0
2	Suffern	1
0	Clarkstown South	0
0	White Plains	4

Team Record 10-6-3

Look Mom - No Hands!

It was a year for both the team and individuals. As individuals were pushed to their potential and became more skillful players, the team as a whole excelled. Every year, it would seem as though Ramapo's teams would become depleted of their best athletes upon graduation. Seasonally, teams must readjust to the loss of anchor players from the previous year. however, new talents develop and equally skilled players replace the previous season's team. Ramapo boys soccer also had a loss of players due to redistricting. The usual injuries and mid-season problems arose this year. Coach Gary Schoonmaker announced this was to be his final year coaching. The retirement of Schoonmaker marks the end of many long successful seasons as Ramapo's head boys soccer coach. Schoonmaker said that this team played extremely well. "They don't know it but I feel that they did an outstanding job." all the players played up to their full potential. Ramapo's boys soccer team can be especially proud to have two all-county players; Freed Etienne and Eric Abramson.

Side angle. Michael Origlia sets up a dazzling corner kick.

Circle of spirit. Ramapo's Varsity boys soccer team gets psyched with a pre-game cheer.

Carried away. David Konstandt is in such a hurry to beat everyone to the ball; he beats the ball itself.

Beats him to the ball. Gary Baptiste outruns his opponent as they both chase the ball.

Mr. Payson. "The tradition of success continues."

Mr. Schoonmaker could not have brought the team to victory without the determination and support of his players. The essential element of a team is discipline. The team members must have a great sense of self discipline, along with an equally balanced sense of team commitment. One could witness this display of self discipline and team commitment with in just a few minutes. The Gryphons' rigorous practices resulted in a winning season.

Co-Captains Freed Etienne, Robert Glashow, and Michael Origlia were a constant source of leadership to the other players. Their inspiration was a valuable asset to the team. Etienne, one of Ramapo's best soccer players, was injured throughout most of the season. Nonetheless, he never gave into the pain, and continued to play when most others would have thrown in the towel. Robert Glashow played the position of sweeper. This critical position often determines whether the opposing team will score or not. Michael Origlia always gave one hundred and ten percent, was a constant source of inspiration to the team. Light-footed Adam Snider and Steven Schein led the offensive attack with aggression. Greg Hallerman and Neil Vitiello performed admirably when called upon. The rest of the team did an outstanding job.

This past season was certainly meaningful to Coach Schoonmaker, and the Ramapo boys soccer team had much to be proud of in the fall of 1984.

Crunch. Brendan Depaola, Robert Glashow, Greg Hallerman, Eric Abramson, and David Konstandt fight the opposing team for possession of the ball.

Chris Pascarella. "Sometimes we win, sometimes we lose, but soccer is always a real kick!"

The 1984 Varsity Girls Soccer team. Assistant Coach Mario Donatelli, Geraldine McSweeney, Jeanine Ercoreca, Lori Weiser, Christine Pascarella, Lisa Weil, Tracey Hammerman, Heather Robinson, Beth Dauer, Coach Ron Garzia, Sharon Astrowsky, Peggy Rettino, Jill Bookman, Regina Corless, Cindy Grodman, Nikky Zeeman, Michelle Bass, Lisa Wikstrom, Jill Dworkis, Gillian Issacs, and Nikki Schwartz.

Fancy footwork. Michelle Bass sets up the shot for the winning goal.

Just For Kicks

This year, the Ramapo Varsity Girls Soccer team gave the opposing schools in the section a run for their money. Although it was not a winning season, many team members had individual victories. This past season could have been considered a rebuilding year, since most of the girls were underclassmen.

Because of the small number of girls on the team, there was an increased need for conditioning and stamina. The team could not afford injuries or insufficient playing due to fatigue. With these criteria in mind, Coach Ron Garzia was responsible for transforming the girls into superwomen. Able to leap oncoming players in a single bound, the girls' top physical condition compensated in many ways for the small team. "The few, the proud, the Ramapo Girls Soccer team," epitomized feelings during the season. Above all, the season was just a lot of fun. Coach Garzia's greatest achievement this year was an overall positive change of attitude among team members.

The girls played more like a united team than they had in previous seasons. Improved on-the-field plays, coordination, and ball skills were all successfully developed. The main reason for these improvements can be attributed to Garzia's rigorous practices. The practices often extended to three hours, six days a week. The long tough practices and those extra laps that newcomer Coach Ron Garzia directed; paid off.

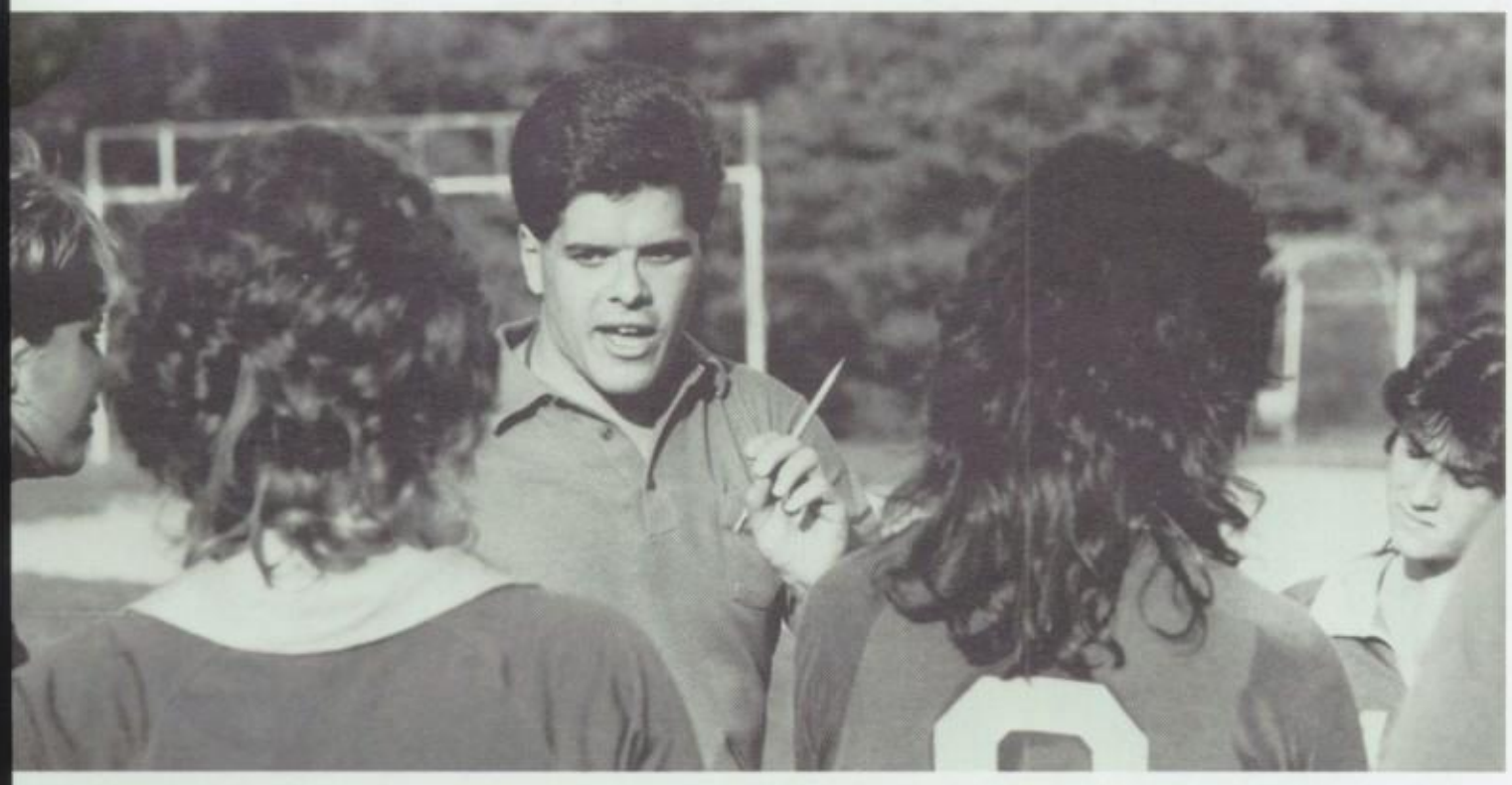
It is unfortunate that over the past few years, there was a general lack of interest in girls' soccer, and perhaps, other girls' sports as well. RAmapo's major problem this year was the rather small squad of players. Over the years, this has been the reason for inconsistency in seasonal success. For many of the girls on the team their first practice at Ramapo was their first experience playing competitive soccer. Perhaps if athletic programs for girls were available earlier in their education, the awareness of competitive team sports would be widespread. Teams such as girls' soccer would have the problem of selectivity, as opposed to the problem of developing a large enough team. Ramapo has always been a school willing to make changes for the betterment of the students. Therefore, it is probable that girls' sports will soon show significant inprovement.

Co-Captains Regina Corless and Cynthia Grodman were strong leaders. Grodman was the key in defense while Corless played halfback which required both offensive and defensive skills. Geraldine McSweeney led the offense with Jeanine Ercoreca and Stacey Wolf as her wings. McSweeney used her powerful foot to kick many a ball to Wolf and Ercoreca who always managed to be there. Underclassmen Lisa Wikstom and Michelle Bass were clearly two of our most valuable players. Wikstrom was undoubtedly the busiest and most effective goalie in Rockland County. Her eagerness and vitality always managed to spark the rest of the team. The Ramapo Girls Soccer team provided stiff competition for the county and beat their biggest rival: Spring Valley High School. This made the Ramapo team District Champs.

Mario Donatelli, Junior Varsity Coach, assisted Coaches Ron Garzia and Connie Elkins with drills and strategy. This young and inexperienced squad exhibited outstanding endurance, speed, and determination. The future looks very bright!

Win one for the Garzia. Coach Ron Garzia gives the team a pep talk before the big game.

Sidelined. Geraldine McSweeney manages a smile while nursing a knee injury.

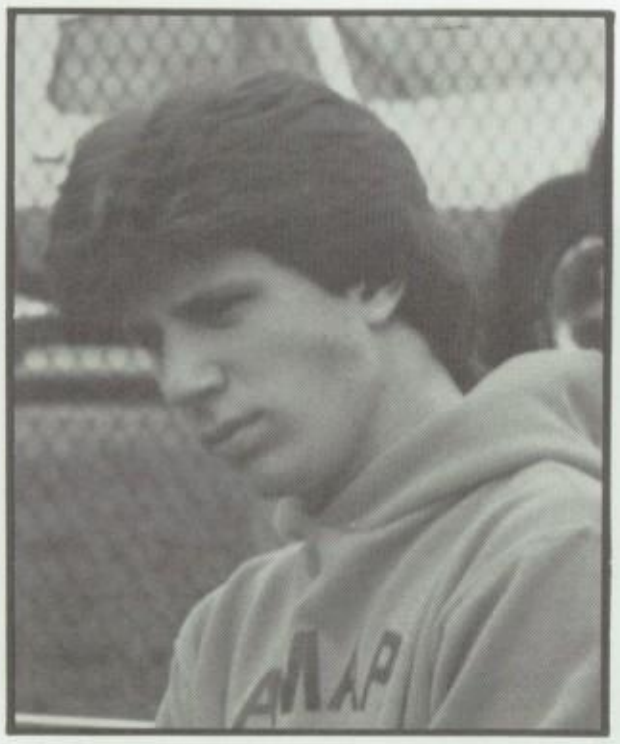


One step ahead. Regina Corless beats her opponent to the ball.

1984 Girls Soccer

Ramapo		Opponent
1	Nyack	5
0	Tappan Zee	3
0	Clarkstown North	11
0	Nanuet	3
0	North Rockland	2
0	Suffern	11
0	Clarkstown North	0
0	Pearl River	9
0	North Rockland	4
6	Spring Valley	1
0	Suffern	3
0	Clarkestown South	6
2	Spring Valley	0

Team Record 2-10-1



Hal Roberts. "I may not be a star on the team, but I give tennis my best effort, which is more than I can say about my school work."

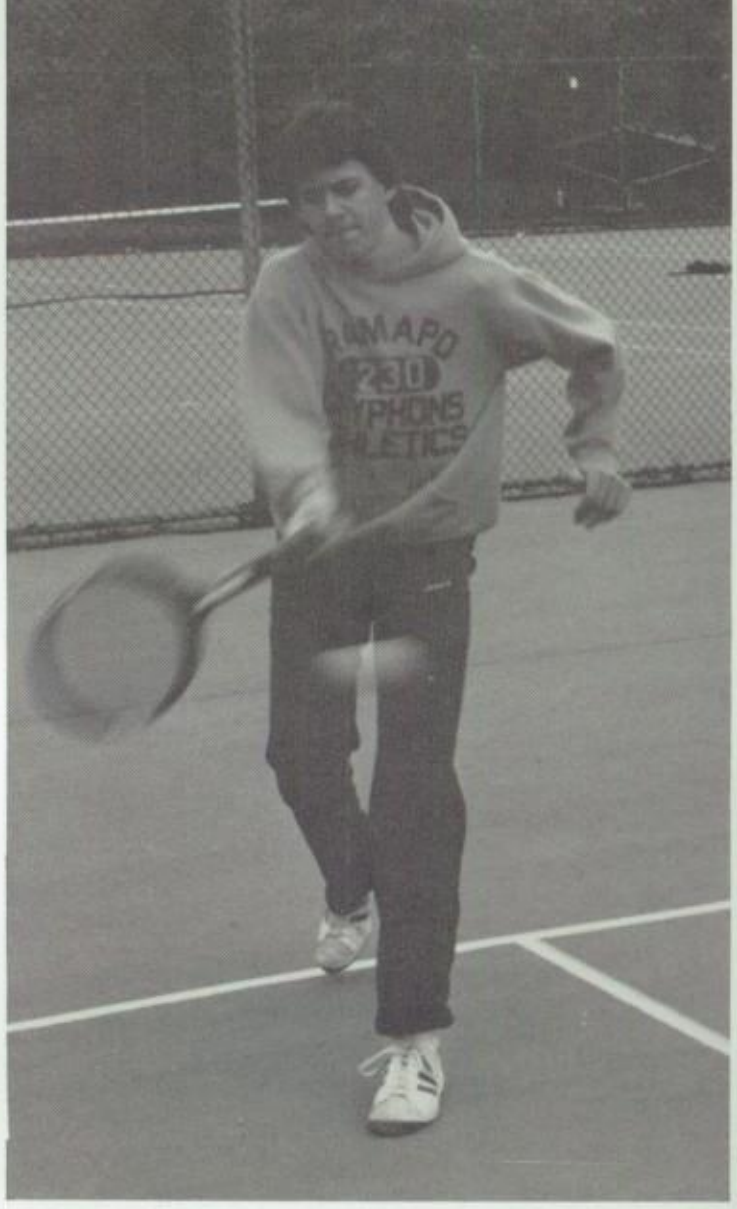
1985 Tennis Team. Top: John Press, Lee Southern, Peter Young, Howard Wilen, Alan Pincus. Bottom: Joseph Heler, Al Alexander, and Brad Slovokowsky.

Ace Makers

The boys tennis team enjoyed yet another successful season with a respectable second place behind powerhouse Spring Valley team. Year after year, the season seems to come down to the match between the Gryphons and the Tigers with the winner becoming the county champs. The reason for success was largely because of players like Lee Southern, Hal Roberts, Larry Mayer, Peter Young, Howie Wilen, Jon Press, Scott Kay, and freshman Dave Stein. Their versatile play at both doubles and singles contributed greatly to Ramapo's success. Coach John Hains not only led this year's team to the top, but prepared the basis for next year's team by training and freshmen, sophomores, and juniors during the season. It was rewarding and a season for all to be proud of.

1984 Boys Tennis

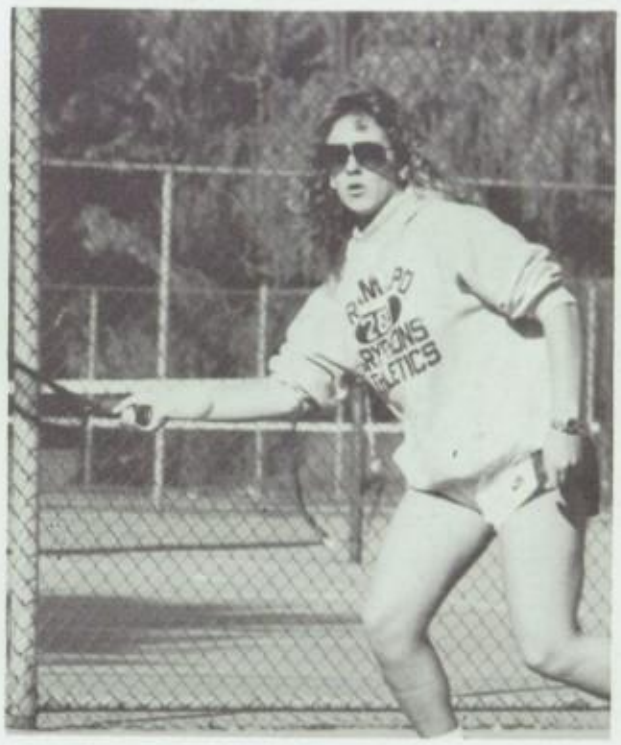
Ramapo		Opponent
5	Lincoln	0
2	Mamaroneck	5
4	Clarkstown North	3
4	Clarkstown North	3
1	Spring Valley	4
4	Suffern	3
4	Clarkstown South	3
7	Yorktown	0
5	Clarkstown South	3
5	Clarkstown North	2
7	Suffern	0
7	North Rockland	0
3	North Rockland	4
3	Spring Valley	5
	Team Record 10-4	



Utter concentration. Lee Southern waits for the return of his serve.

Tennis anyone? Peter Young shows his varsity skill on his return.

1985 Girls Tennis Team. Jessica Tischler, Jennifer Blumenfeld, Haylee Blackman, Lisa Greenberg, Robin Shapiro, Jill Pine, Jackie Botkin, Abby Feinberg, Nancy Roth, Hillary Mohel, Coach John Hains, Lauren Krieger, and Barrie Sandlofer.



Barrie Sandlofer. "We had fun and that's all that counts."

Reach for the sky. Abby Feinberg puts one hundred and ten percent into her serve.

Ramapo's Racquet

Led by a dazzling array of seniors, the girls tennis team continued the tradition of winning seasons started by the team a few years ago.

With a strong senior squad including such outstanding talents as Abby Feinberg, Hillary Mohel, Jill Pine, Barrie Sandlofer and Nancy Roth, the team was able to come out on top in many of their matches. The team further benefitted under the superior coaching of John Hains, who guided the girls to many of their victories. Although Coach Hains is relatively new to Ramapo, as the girls tennis coach, he has a good rapport with the players and they respect and feel comfortable with him.

1984 Girls Tennis

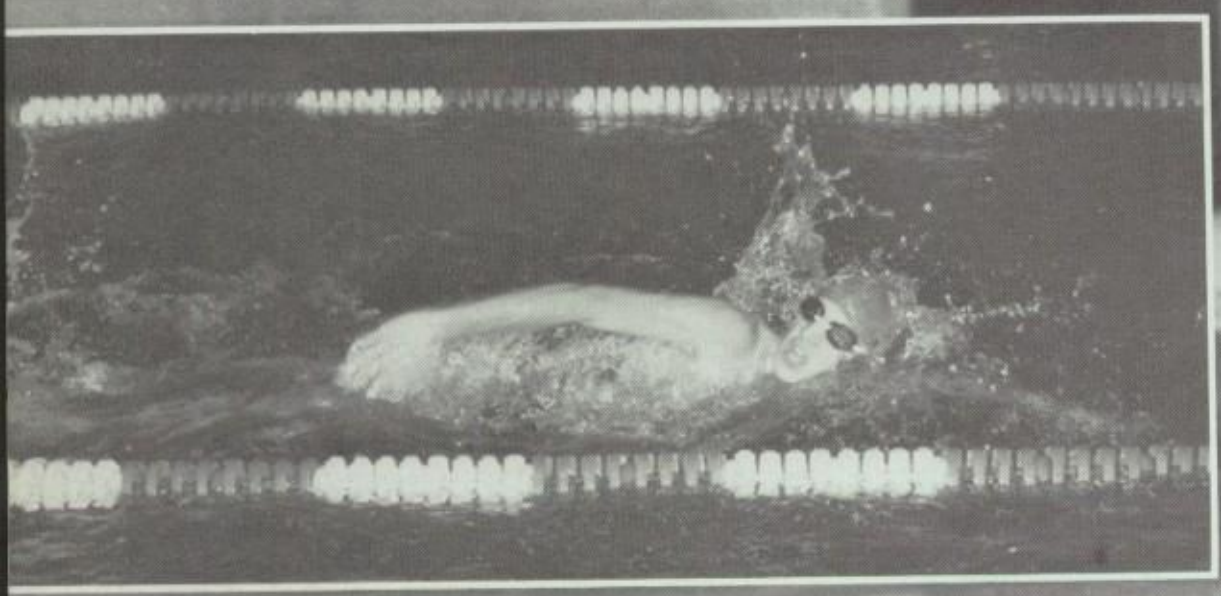
Ramapo		Opponent
0	Clarkstown North	7
2	Newburgh	5
2	Spring Valley	5
1	Suffern	6
0	Clarkstown North	7
1	Spring Valley	6
4	North Rockland	3
2	Newburgh	5
1	Clarkstown South	6
5	Suffern	2
3	Clarkstown South	4
3	North Rockland	4

Team Record 2-10

Stoke, stroke. David Mathios takes a breath between strokes in the sidestroke.

Superman. Steven Newman is lucky there happens to be water under him.

Richard Goldstein. "Swimming is like an art. It takes hard work and dedication to perfect form, style, and technique."



Just Add Water

The boys swim team had one of their best seasons ever which gave them an opportunity to possibly compete for the local championship. The team strength was in Richard Hulnick in freestyle, Paul Behanna in breaststroke, Richard Goldstein in butterfly, and David Mathios in backstroke. The other team members contributed greatly with their versatility and dedication to the team. Coach Noah Fields was proud of the success and accomplishments of the team and is optimistic for a bright future.

1985 Boys Swim Team: Brian Nichols, Julio Gallego, John McKeon, Richard Hulnick, Richard Goldstein, Paul Behanna, Richard Taluson, Jeff Manco, Matt Kolokowsky, Danny Pitluk, David Mathios, Steven Newman, Alan Ofer, Barry Backelman, Chad Ackerman, Benjamin Steinberg, Willie Schafer, and Bob Finkelstein.

1984 Boys Swimming

Ramapo		Opponent
52	Arlington	117
80	John Jay	83
45	C-S	118
61	Spring Valley	104
52	Roosevelt	29
82	Lincoln	113
116	Scarsdale	73
57	Gorton	48
92	Saunders	54
46	Mount Vernon	91
65	Lakeland	106

Team Record 4-7

Caroline Witte. "It was a year which showed that hard work, team spirit and superb buoyancy meant winning meets."

High in the sky. Jeril Kaplan completes a graceful dive.

In flight. Stacy Gitter flies through the water performing the butterfly.

Starting Off With A Splash

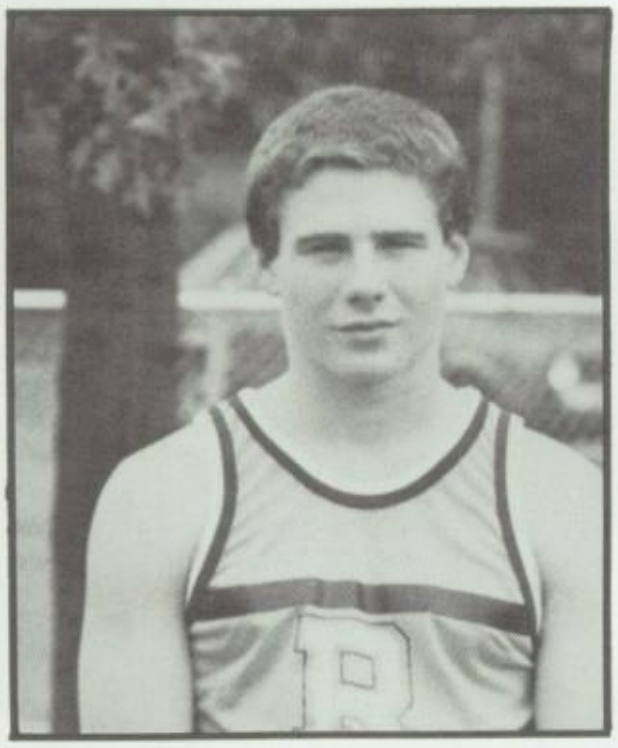
A diverse strength in every stroke led the Ramapo girls swim team to their best season in over five years. The lead swimmer for the team was Lee Ederheimer. Her sensational swimming was the cause for many of Ramapo's victories. Other team strength was in Shari Lubin for distance, Stacy Gitter for sprints and butterfly, Caroline Witte for backstroke, and Bonnie Gross and Wendy Grill for breaststroke. Many points were added by diver Jerill Kaplan. Under the leadership of Captains Lee Ederheimer and Shari Lubin and Coach Noah Fields, who began coaching the girls this year, the team was triumphant. Coach Fields was "glad to start coaching the girls this year, and was glad it was a successful season."

Varsity swimmers. Top left to bottom right: Stacy Gitter, Rona Simon, Lee Ederheimer, Wendy Grill, Bonnie Gross, Debbie Gross, and Shari Lubin.

1984 Girls Swimming

Ramapo	Opponent	
150	New Rochelle	135
94	North Rockland	77
97	Lakeland	75
40	Newburgh	131
54	Clarkstown South	117
66	Suffern	102
75	Clarkstown North	96
61	Kingston	109
70	Spring Valley	101
51	Yorktown	29

Team Record 4-6



Michael McDaniel. "Everyone performed well. We had a small amount of players but everyone performed well."

Upper advantage. Richard Horowitz is about to pin his opponent with no problem.

Taking a wrest. The Ramapo Wrestling team confers about their advantage at the start of their match.

Boys Wrestling Team. Top: Steve McGinty, Brad Shapiro, Bruce Kyer, Russel Centero, Richard Horowitz, Jeff Post, Connie Sharpe, Alex Francois, Michael McDaniel, Andrew Messinger, Bottom: Jeff Corrib, Michael Spector, Evan Eisman, Joe Heller, Adam Eisman, Andrew Bloch, Eric Lemkin.

Take A Hold

One of the lesser known varsity level indoor sports at Ramapo was wrestling. With Ramapo's newest addition, the auxiliary gym, plenty of room was allotted for this exciting winter sport. The team made sacrifices and huffed and puffed through many grueling workouts. Under the tough training of coach James McGinty, the team worked on such maneuvers as the half nelson, reversals and take downs. Some of Ramapo's star Gryphon grapplers were Alex Francois, Michael McDaniel, Tommy Ramsey, Adam Eisman and Greg Shapiro. Team members were matched up with each other to practice. Height, weight, size, and wrestling ability were the factors used in choosing equal partners. When the time for a match came, Ramapo's Gryphons pinned their opponents without much of a sweat.

1985 Wrestling

Ramapo		Opponent
28	Ossining	42
30	Cornwall	40
31	Lakeland	39
37	Scarsdale	33
5	Suffern	65
14	North Rockland	56
0	Clarkstown North	70
25	Newburgh	45
10	Clarkstown South	60

Team Record 1-8

Sports In Transit

It is an innate quality in almost any athlete to seek out his sport wherever it may be found. Within himself, he knows which sport he is best suited for, and where to find it. Those Ramapo students who chose to participate in the more conventional sports (football, baseball, basketball, etc.) had no trouble finding a place to play. Ramapo had more than enough playing fields for the team in search of a game. However, there were those students who chose sports that were slightly harder to come by. Like any athlete in love with his chosen sport, he found a place to partake in his sport.

Ramapo students who were on the swim team found the Olympic sized swimming pool at Rockland Community College an excellent place to practice. Not only was this a great facility to use for practice, but it was also an inspiring place to compete. During the winter, the indoor track in the R.C.C. fieldhouse got quite a lot of use. Ramapo's track and cross country teams took advantage of the foam rubber running surface in the fieldhouse. The vast space provided long jumpers, high jumpers, pole vaulters, and many others with the room they desperately needed. Both of these accomodating facilities have access to large locker rooms, a sauna, and a weight room. The teams also traveled to several tracks upstate for competition. The Spook Rock Golf Course was another recreational area that Ramapo students took advantage of. Members of the golf team engaged in many relaxing games and hours of practice on the range. It was most certainly advantageous for Ramapo's athletes to have those facilities so easily accessible.

Mitchell Reed. "Track has always been a special part of my life. To think that I would have to put it on hold because Ramapo doesn't have an indoor track makes me glad we have RCC."

Home on the range. Members of the Ramapo Golf Team engage in a leisurely game at the Spook Rock Golf Course.

Plenty of room. Many of Ramapo's athletes utilized the Rockland Community College fieldhouse.

Did You Know? . . .

It is sometimes difficult for students to imagine that their teachers are people too. As students, we only saw our teachers as individuals who gave long and boring lectures and then proceeded to assign huge abundances of monotonous homework. However, contrary to popular belief, they eat, sleep, get sick, have parents, watch T.V., have families and a life outside of Ramapo, go to the movies, wear contact lenses, have H.B.O., wear a bathing suit in the summer, water their geraniums on Tuesdays, and even went to high school just like us. Although most of these outrageous statements seem unbelievable, some minimal field research shows that these theories can be documented. Perhaps more difficult to imagine than our teachers out of school, is imagining them as youths. Is it possible that they were actually seventeen and eighteen years old at one time? Well, with this image of a favorite teacher at the high school age, try to picture him or her participating in athletics Another shocker is that many Ramapo teachers actually were active in sports while growing up. Here is a list of Ramapo's All-Star teachers:

Solomon Davis-Swimming
Daniel Greschuk-Basketball, Baseball
Diane Sawyer-Basketball, Tennis, Volleyball
Steven Perell-Spring Track, Cross Country
Ralph Calabrese-Basketball, Baseball
Quentin Coplon-Baseball, Soccer
John Buckley-Track
Patricia Fleming-Hockey, Volleyball, Tennis
Thomas Curren-Handball
Tanya Sherman-Basketball
Gordon Rauer-Tennis, Soccer, Basketball
Clark Burkins-Football, Basketball, Tennis
Helen Epstein-Basketball
Betty Betz-Horseback Riding
Joseph Carroll-Football
George Longobardi-Cliff Diving

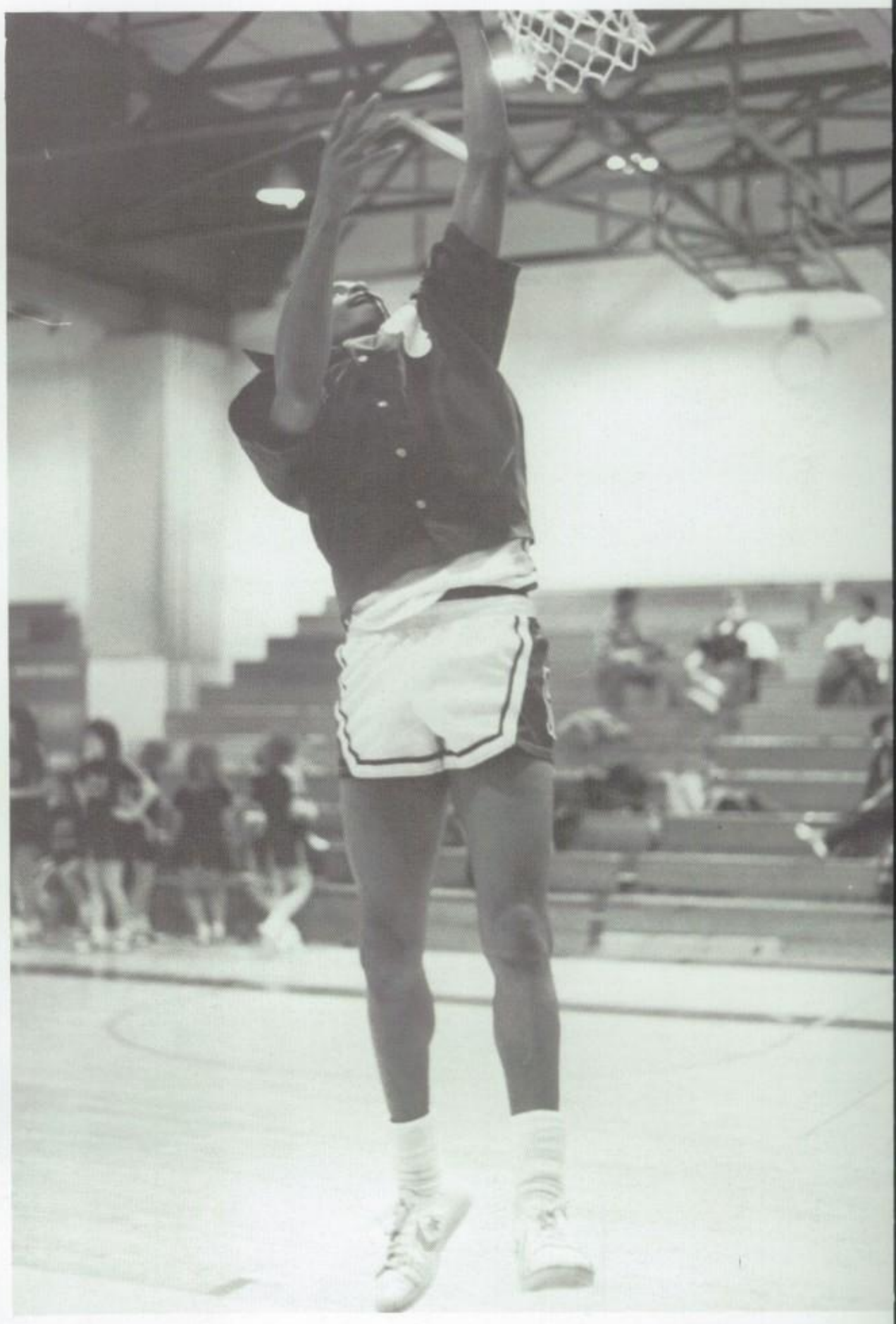
Fast Break

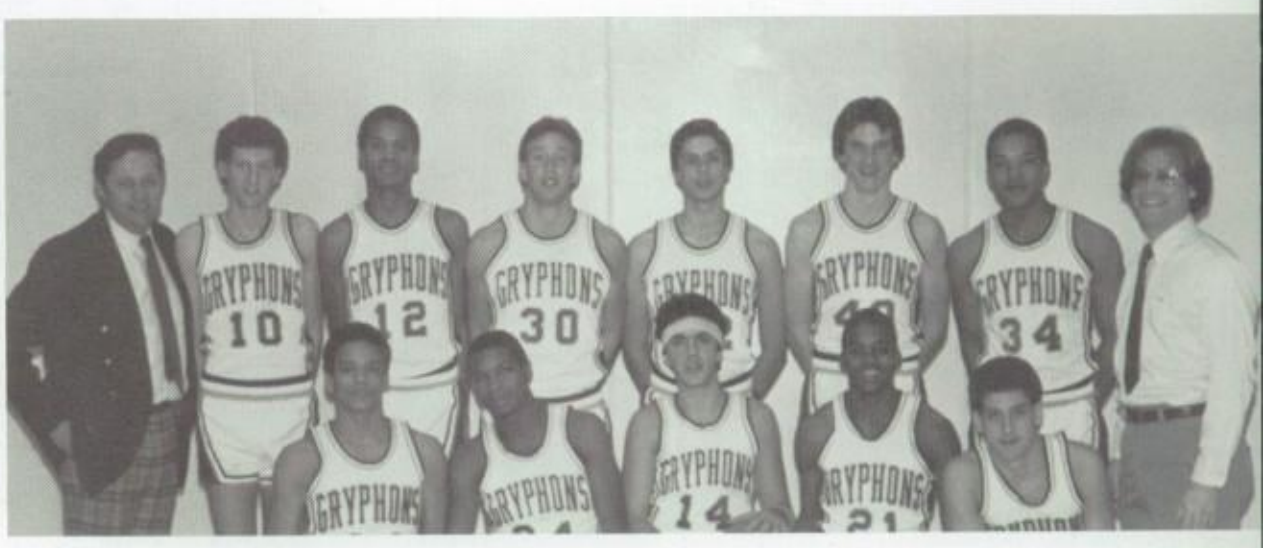
There was a great deal expected from this year's boys basketball team. They had tremendous pressure on them, due to the outstanding performance of last year's team. Their second season under Coach Sachs proved to be as rewarding as the first.

Although they got off to a shaky start, the Gryphons proved that through constant practice and determination they could win. And they did. Captain Bobby Bruno was a constant source of leadership for the team. The offensive attack was led by Chris Bibbins and Andy White. They, along with junior Todd Rich and Steven Swann, did an exceptional job in executing Ramapo's shooting game. The Gryphon's would not have done as well as they did if it was not for senior Howie Marcus, junior Sulaman Shabaz and the others who were always there to fill in—and they did so superbly.

Follow the bouncing ball. Ray Berly practices his lay-up before the big game.

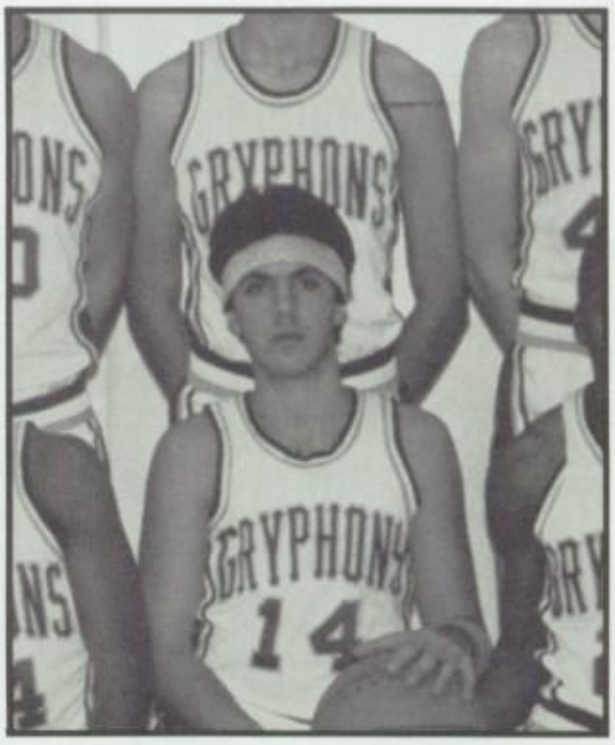
Swann Lake. Senior Steven Swann trys out a few of his own graceful moves during practice.



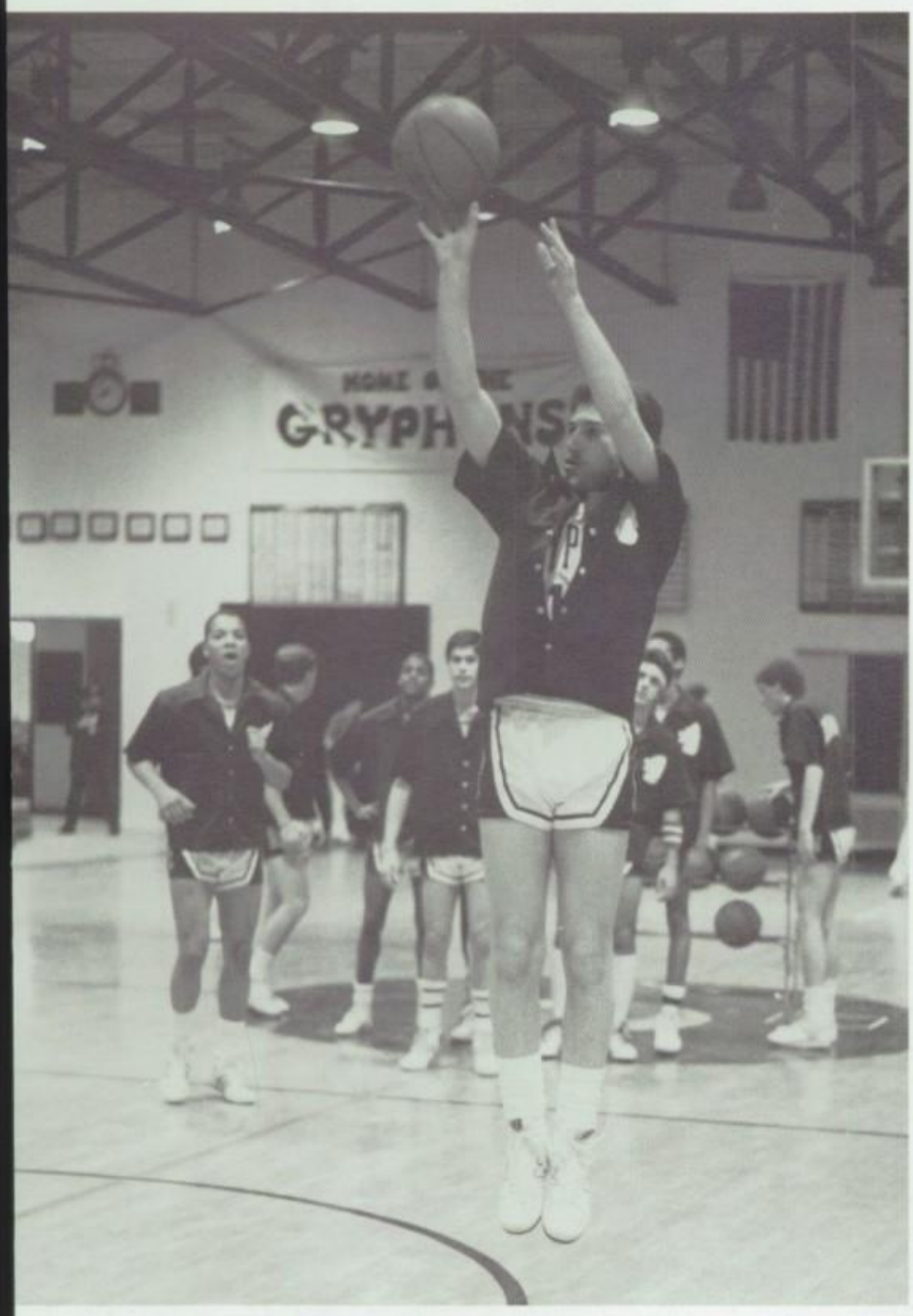


Ramapo Boys Basketball Team. Top (Left to Right): Coach Zebro, Todd Rich, Steven Swann, Howie Marcus, Ray Berly, Ron Jason, Sulamin Shebazz, and Coach Sachs. Bottom (Left to Right): Derek White, Andrew White, Bobby Bruno, Chris Bibbins, and Greg Portnoy.

One, two, three, break! Derek White and Ron Jason break away from the team huddle, feeling confident about the upcoming game.



Robert Bruno. "A lot was expected this year from the team. Even though we had a lot of problems (ineligibility, injuries) we were able to make the best of our situation. I think that showed the true character of our coaches and ball players."



Jump! Greg Portnoy demonstrates how a jump shot is supposed to be executed.

1985 Boys Basketball

Ramapo		Opponent
58	St. Joseph's	62
62	St. Joseph's	78
50	Clarkstown North	50
51	John Jay	50
55	R. C. Ketcham	65
46	Suffern	52
52	Spring Valley	68
64	Newburgh	67
49	John Jay	64
43	Suffern	73
56	R. C. Ketcham	84
64	Clarkstown South	94
57	Spring Valley	79

Team Record 1-11-1

Swoosh. Senior Howie Marcus nails another outside shot.

Lisa Wikstrom. "The most important part of playing basketball for me was not the winning or losing, but the close bond that I formed with the other girls on the team. We were more than just teammates, we were family. I will miss them next year and I will always treasure the friendships I have made through basketball."

Up court. The opposition is going to have a hard time stopping Gryphon's Angela Bunn.

Preventive medicine. After a long and tiring game, Lisa Wikstrom still finds the energy to block an opponent's pass.

On the bench. Karlene McKenzie, Melissa Black, Jill Bookman, Esther Roscoe and Sheryl Hollander watch hopefully as the game progresses.

1985 Girls Basketball Team. Coach Becky Miller, Jill Bookman, Sandra Castil, Karlene McKenzie, Tracey Henderson, Michelle Bass, Coach Fucci, Amy Reinowitz, Lisa Wikstrom, Sheryle Hollander, Esther Roscoe, and Angela Bunn.

On the foul line. Tracey Henderson uses all her concentration to get that extra point for the Gryphons.

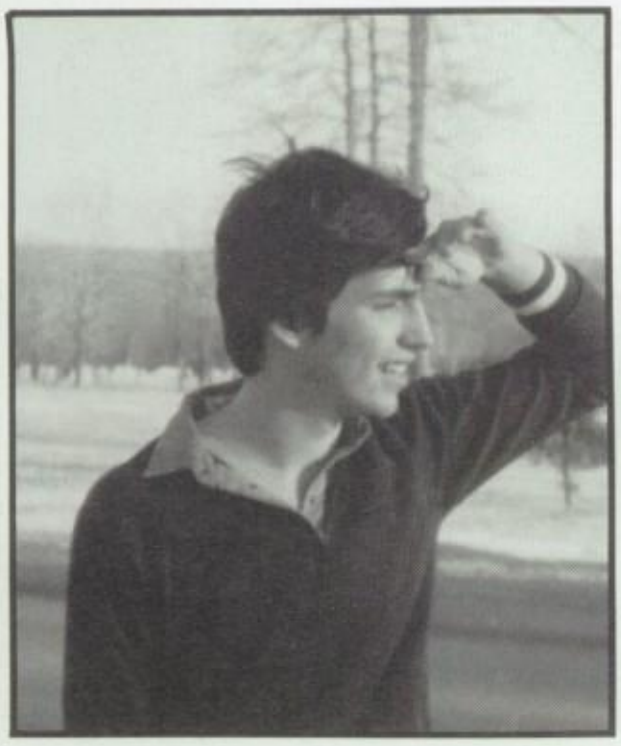
On The Rebound

It was a predictable outcome for Ramapo's superb basketball team whose success was inevitable. Coach John Fucci had "the winningest Ramapo girls basketball team in the past six or seven years." Last year Ramapo had an impressive nine wins and three losses, though they fell short of their goal of winning ten games. Juniors Tracey Henderson and Angela Bunn played on the Varsity team for three years and Michelle Bass, also a junior, had two years of Varsity experience. Coach Fucci considered all three to be exceptional players, but felt that Tracey Henderson was the most outstanding. The rest of Ramapo's versatile team was completed by Lisa Wikstrom, Esther Roscoe, Sandra Castro, Melissa Black, Jill Bookman, Maura Rohan, Cheryl Holander, Colleen McKenzie, and Amy Reinowitz. They were able to successfully realize and master their opponents game plans. Depending on what their opponents did, the girl's basketball team altered their defensive or offensive strategies. Coach Fucci was proud of his team because of the hard work and long hours they gave him. They were constantly improving their game. Though their varying personalities were sometimes hard to bring together, they managed to put all of their differences aside and come together to work with each other successfully while on the court.

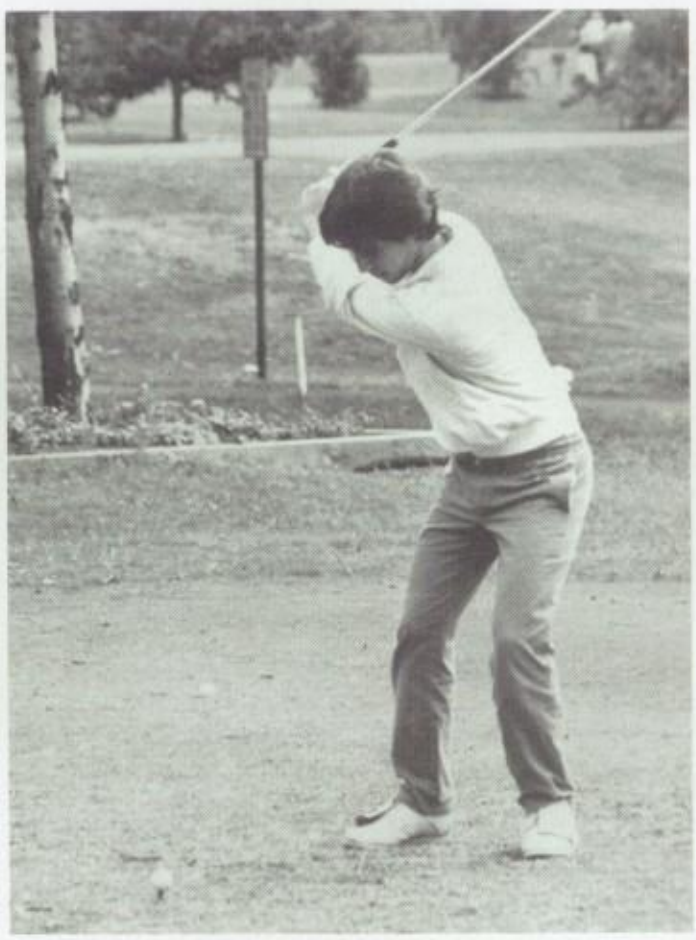
1985 Girls Basketball

Ramapo		Opponent
38	Gorton	23
43	Scarsdale	37
47	Sleepy Hollow	46
34	Saunders	45
51	Pearl River	28
31	Clarkstown North	33
50	Kingston	31
31	North Rockland	72
43	Clarkstown North	33
60	Clarkstown South	52
34	Spring Valley	56
43	Kingston	44
47	Clarkstown South	72
74	Pearl River	58
39	Spring Valley	33
44	Newburgh	63
36	Suffern	49
51	North Rockland	86
43	Clarkstown North	33

Team Record 10-9

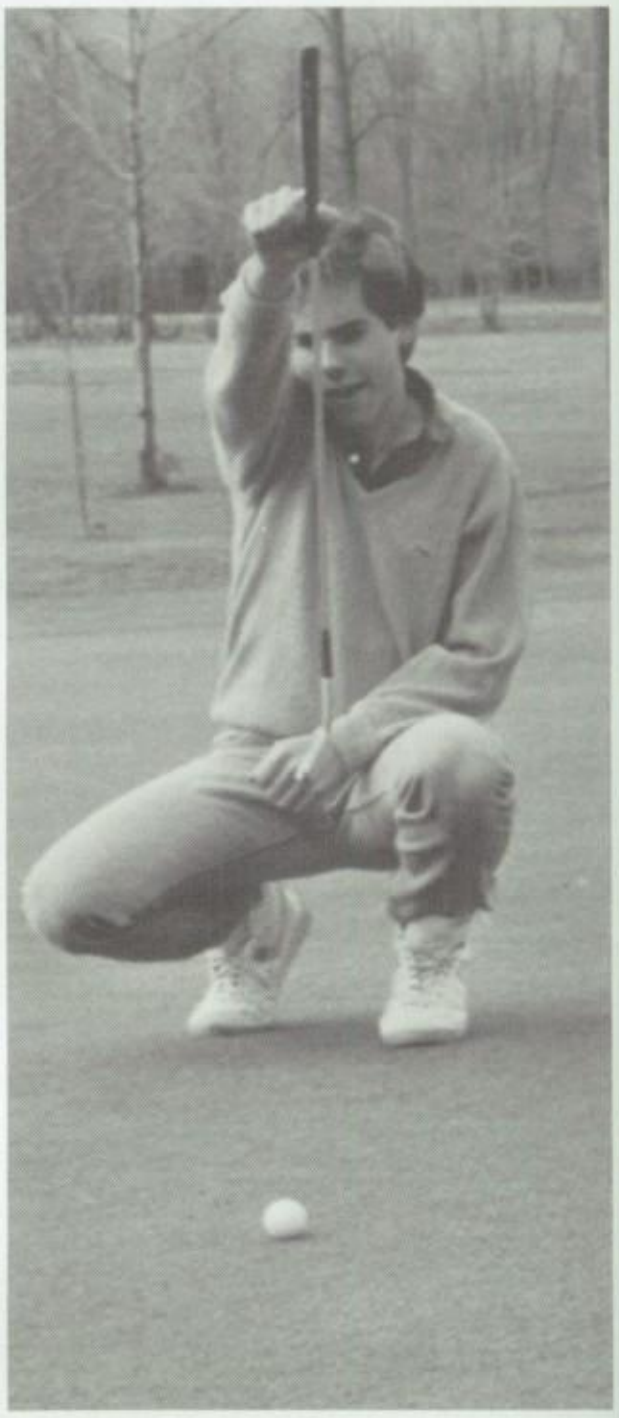


Larry Mayer. "Golf is a very psychological game. I think it's great. Because of it's psychological nature the team had to combine their individual talents in order to achieve the ultimate goal of victory."



Fourrrr! Scott Isabelle gets ready to tee off.

Ace in the hole. Chris Roloff lines up his putt on the green.



Putting Partners

Although finishing off last season with a disappointing third place finish after expecting to win the county championship, the Ramapo golf team approached this season with great enthusiasm. Four of last year's six starters qualified for the Section Nine Championships, and of these three players, Chris Roloff, Larry Mayer, and Willie Shankoff, returned to lead the Gryphon team this year. The team also expected a lot from junior Scott Isabelle, and they weren't let down.

The Green Machine prepared thoroughly for each match. Practice every day after school, along with strategy talks at which Coach Amoriello discussed the strengths and weaknesses of each player's opponent, helped the Gryphons to achieve success.

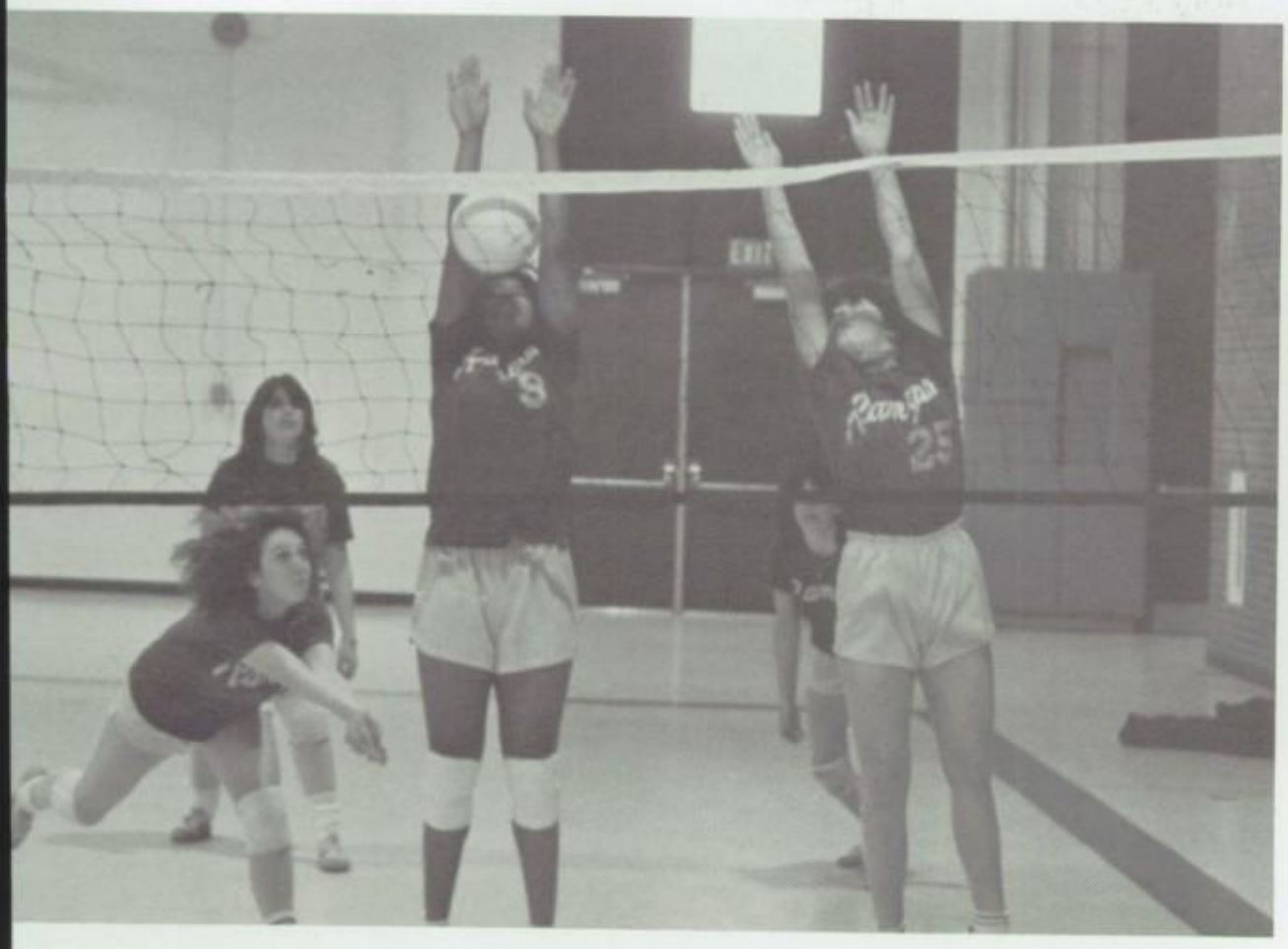
1984 Golf

Ramapo		Opponent
5	Clarkstown South	3
8	North Rockland	0
3	Clarkstown North	5
3	Spring Valley	5
3	Albertus Magnus	5
7½	Suffern	½
5	Nyack	3
6½	Clarkstown South	1½
8	Tappan Zee	0
8	Nanuet	0
2	Spring Valley	6
6½	Pearl River	1½

Team Record 8-4

Adam,
I predict a bright future for you. As long as you give up the "butts" & enjoyed many times on Mars. Best to you always. Larry "A"

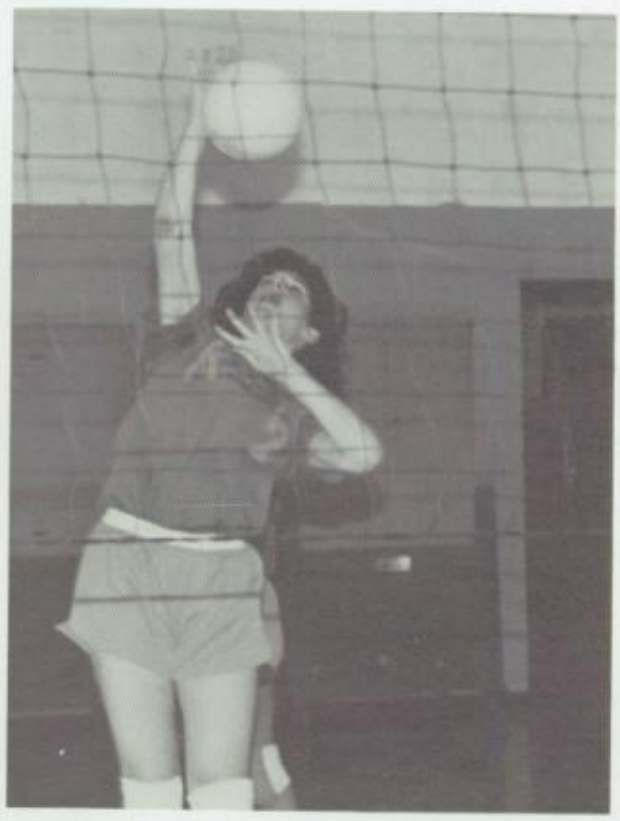
Varsity Golf Team. Scott Isabelle, Coach Anthony Amoriello, Chris Roloff, and Larry Mayer.



Jenny Geller. "There was more to volleyball than winning. It was the friends that made it special."

Leapin' Lauren. Lauren Neufeld keeps the ball in play.

Up and coming. As Monique Headley and Maria DiGiovanni jump to the meet the ball, Dana Selig, Michelle Edelman, and Lauren Neufeld prepare to back them up.



The 1985 Varsity Volleyball Team. Jenny Geller, Monique Headley, Lauren Neufeld, Stefanie Klein, Michelle Edelman, Nadine Mondesir, Dana Selig, Martha Justine, and Maria DiGiovanni.

Pleased To Serve You

Marcy Packer, the 1984 girls' volleyball coach, said of last year's team, "they were the best team I ever coached. They started out well, fell into a slump mid-season, but ended up fine." The volleyball team surprised a few spectators when they upset their long time rivals Clarkstown South, but that was not the only surprise that Ramapo had in store for the season. Ramapo's volleyball team qualified for the Section 1 Girls' Volleyball Championships. Throughout the year Ramapo demonstrated their comprehension of volleyball tactics. "They played their offense and defense well and were able to make clear on court transitions when needed," said coach Marcy Parker.

Senior Marthe Justine and juniors Stefanie Klein and Maria Digiovanni were the foundation that assisted Monique Headley, Dana Selig, Nadine Mondesir, Michelle Edelman and Lauren Neufeld with fine volleyball. Coach Packer was satisfied and impressed with the calibur of volleyball that the team exhibited. Though this was her last year at Ramapo, she expects the volleyball team will maintain its impressive record.

1984 Girls Volleyball

Ramapo		Opponent
2	Pearl River	1
2	Suffern	1
1	Albertus Magnus	2
0	Newburgh	2
2	Clarkstown South	1
2	Yonkers	0
2	Kingston	1
1	Suffern	2
0	Clarkstown North	2
0	North Rockland	2
2	Gorton	1
1	Newburgh	2
1	Clarkstown South	2
0	Kingston	2
0	North Rockland	2
2	Suffern	0
0	Clarkstown North	2
	Team Record 7-10	

Farewell And Thank You

Vicki Langermayr. "They are two good men who gave so much of themselves to so many."

Ramapo High School had one of its finest sports seasons during the 1984-85 school year. The girls soccer team, girls basketball team, wrestling track and softball teams all had exceptional, victory filled seasons. However, this admirable year was not unmarred by melancholy events. Two of Ramapo's superb coaches, Mr. Chuck Scarpulla, football coach, and Mr. Gary Schoonmaker, head soccer coach, announced their retirement from their respective positions. Both men will be greatly missed.

Coach Scarpulla disclosed his retirement at the end of January, well after his last football season was over. He has been the head coach for Ramapo, since its opening in 1967. Mr. Scarpulla enjoyed coaching because it allowed him the opportunity to have a one to one relationship with his players; a relationship he could not have acquired as a physical education teacher. Being the coach allowed him to know his players as more than students. He appreciated being able to see them mature and grow over the years, both as football players and as people. He enjoyed watching his team develop into one solid unit. Mr. Scarpulla also liked the personal satisfaction he received when he was able to help a player. He enjoyed being able to assist students - whether it was in choosing a college or just making them feel better about themselves. When asked what he would miss about coaching, Coach Scarpulla mentioned a variety of things, especially the importance of his one-to-one relationship with students and with the other coaches and the administration.

Good job. Gryphons coach Charles Scarpulla congratulates Andre Nottingham on a great game.

Au revoir. Coach Charles Scarpulla tips his hat, one last time, to say goodbye.

Coach at work. Coach Charles Scarpulla instructs his players on another winning move.

Retirement was a hard decision for Coach Scarpulla, one made for many reasons. His family is growing, he wants to be able to have more time with them. He also feels that he has "run the gamut" as far as coaching is concerned. He has had a good career and felt that it was time to step down and devote a little more time to himself, and to explore other areas of the sports field. He has been offered scouting positions for professional football teams. He will still, however, be involved in Ramapo sports.

One highlight of his career was the Gryphon victory over the undefeated, number one ranked North Rockland last year. Not knowing what to expect, Ramapo went on to beat opposing Nyack 19 - 6. The best teams that he had coached were the teams of 1976, 1977, and 1979 but he also felt that the team of 1975 had the potential to be the best. That year, however, the school budget went down and the first football team only had three games. Scarpulla also said that this year's team provided him with great satisfaction. This team was laden with injuries, yet the players did not give up. They fought till the end, and acquired a tremendous sense of accomplishment.

Scarpulla will miss his experience of coaching at Ramapo, but moreover, the Gryphons will greatly miss him. He will always be remembered as a coach concerned about his kids, one who was able to keep his game in perspective.

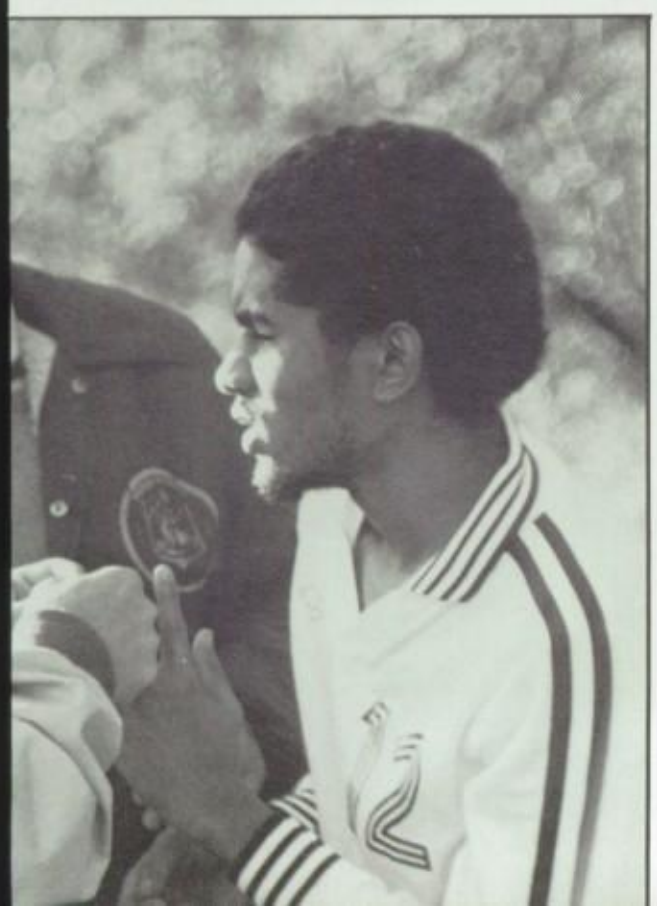
Retiring soccer coach, Gary Schoonmaker, would like to be remembered in much the same way. Mr. Schoonmaker was a man who cared deeply for his players, both as a team and individuals. He has been at Ramapo since 1968. He feels, as does Scarpulla, that one of the best aspects of the job was the rapport that he acquired with his team. He feels that his was one of the best jobs because it allowed him to watch the development of his players. He enjoyed players such as Ronald Dufreen, Ramapo's all-time scorer, progress. Scoring only four goals as a sophomore. Dufreen, went on to score 29 goals in his final season. Schoonmaker not only enjoys watching his team become better soccer players, but he enjoys watching them grow up—transforming from boys to young men.

Although Mr. Schoonmaker will miss the players, fans, and fellow coaches, he still plans to follow Ramapo sports. He plans to come to games and see the Gryphons in action. There is a possibility that Coach Schoonmaker will return to coaching soccer, but not at the high school level. He has a young son and now wants to spend time at home with his wife and child. He will perhaps coach his son's teams when the time comes. Mr. Schoonmaker is now attending college graduate courses. He is a certified guidance counselor and would like to pursue that field.

The best team he has coached at Ramapo was the 1979 team. Having a record of 14-1-1, they lost their only game in triple overtime. But he also mentions the 1981 team, which set the county scoring record. When asked to mention outstanding players, the list was enormous. He mentioned such people as Kevin Clinton, Tommy Mulroy, a two-time junior college All-American, Herve Guilloid, a two-item All-American at Fredonia State, Willy Brims, Marvin Etienne and many others.

Coach Schoonmaker played soccer in high school and at Cortland State Teachers College. He always enjoyed the game and enjoyed working with young people, so he decided to coach. He has had one of the most outstanding years in Ramapo history and it will be hard for anyone to take his place as coach. Schoonmaker's advice to his successor is to "just take one game at a time, and set goals for his team based on the ability (talent) that it has, and work toward these goals," and success will follow. This year was no exception to the success he has enjoyed. Although losing some valuable players for various reasons but pulled together and played very well. Coach Schoonmaker will miss the excitement of the games and the players. He had an outstanding record at Ramapo and he will be a tough act to follow.

The loss of Schoonmaker and Scarpulla will be felt at Ramapo for a long time. We wish them the best and hope that they will succeed and be happy in all their future endeavors.



Memories. As coach Gary Schoonmaker looks at the 1984 Arimaspian, he recalls his good times at Ramapo.

Owww . . . / Coach Gary Schoonmaker looks to see if Franz St. Ville's finger is broken.

Making Tracks

Ramapo's 1984-1985 spring and winter track teams, and Cross-Country team proved once again that through hard work and determination they could win. Coaches Matt Mulligan, Walter Nolan and Corey Seymour guided the Gryphons to another fine year.

Ramapo excelled in all events the high jump, hurdling, pole vaulting and the two-mile run. The boys 880 relay team, composed of Artemus "Boobie" Johnson, Jerry Baptiste, Chris Scudder and Greg Hallerman, ran their way to victory on numerous occasions. Tricia Morton and Michelle Irby led the girls track team to many of its triumphs. Both seasons of track and cross-country continued the tradition of Ramapo's success in that area.

Ronald Pitluk. "I like to challenge myself and see if I can reach my limits."

Intense relay. Jose Ortiz picks up the pace as he attempts to pass his opponent.

Cross-Country Track Team: Corey Seymour, Eugene Herskowitz, Scott Kaplan, Trenton Schmatz, Mark Schmidt, Danny Gubitz, Ronald Pitluk, Jose Ortiz.

1984 Track

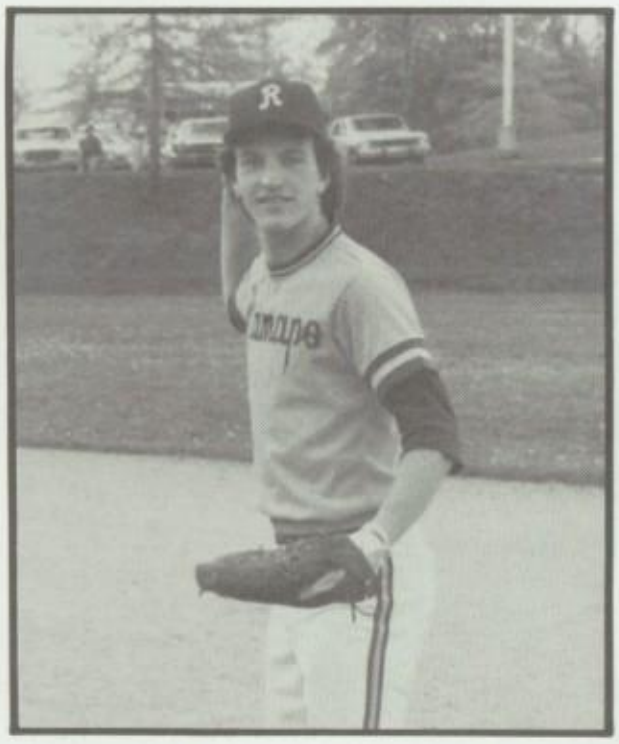
Date	Place of Finish	
	Girls	Boys
12/15	4th	3rd
1/3	5th	3rd
1/11	5th	4th
1/23	8th	5th
2/1	7th	4th
2/11	25th	11th
2/25	6th	7th

Running with the wind. Senior Patricia Morton flies through the air as she gives it her all.

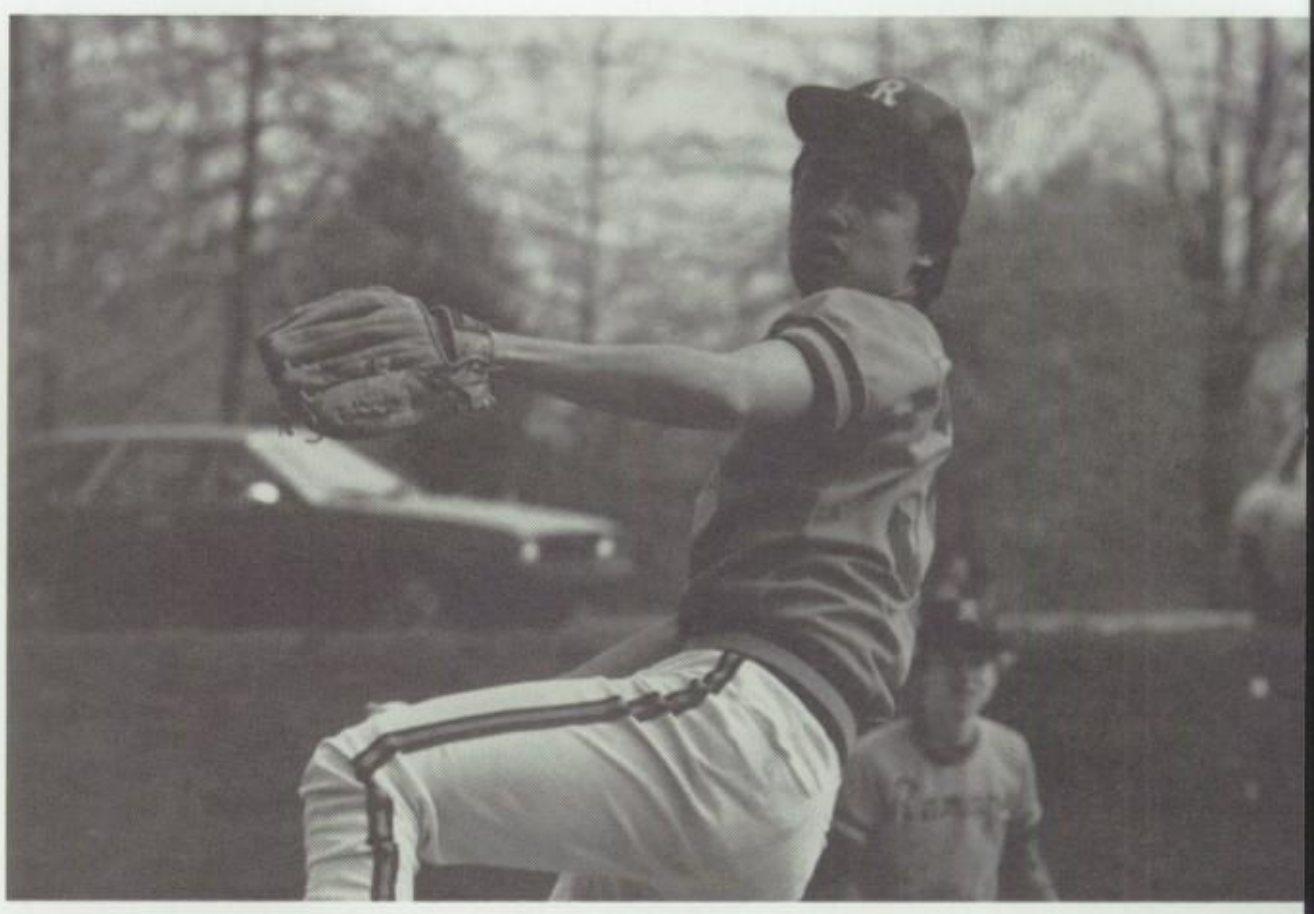
Warming up. Greg Hallerman stretches out to avoid injury.

Ready to run. Patricia Morton and Michelle Irby take their mark to begin the race.

Ramapo Track Team: Matt Mulligan, Mitchell Cohen, Corey Seymour, David Heisch, Jerry Baptiste, Greg Hallerman, Scott Kaplan, Mark Schmidt, Yves Joseph, Jose Ortiz, Chris Scudder, Trenton Schmarz, Fedner Joseph, Danny Gubitz, Ronald Pirluk, Jason Lowenfeld, Rhonda Mednick, Leslie Fuller, Rondal Johnson.



Michael Ortenberg. "We came together as a team even though we lost key players."



Strike him out! Donovan Lau is always trying for that no-hitter.

Grand slam. Hitting a home run is obviously Jeff Burns' main concern at this moment.

1985 Baseball Team. Top: Steven Peterson, Michael Ortenberg, Scott Moses, Ray Bartus, Ricky Irace, John Lawsen, Michael Casablanca, Jeff Burns, Doug Solomon, Bottom: John Aiello, Michael Halfon, Robert Liberace, David Stone, Greg Portnoy, Chris Esposito, and Gary Greenstein.

The Great Ramapo Pastime

The boys Varsity baseball team, under the guidance of head coach Fred Bloom, had another fine season this year. The team expressed varied displays of talent all around the diamond. The infield led by all county second-baseman, Robert Liberace, and the 6-4-3 combination of Ray Bartus, Robert Liberace, and Mike Ortenberg proved to be detrimental to opposing grounders. Third-baseman, Tom Forelli, guarded the line with ease. Center fielder, Ricky Irace, not only displayed his talent in the field, but also with the bat. He along with Forelli and John Lawson led Ramapo's offensive attack. Pitchers John Nevaro and John Sutton masterfully combated opposing batsmen. While reserve infielder, John Aiello, did an admirable job when called upon. The spectacular, individual performances coupled with the players willingness to act as a whole provided all the necessary ingredients to have a winning season.

1984 Boys Baseball

Ramapo		Opponent
4	Pascack Hills	6
17	Pascack Hills	6
8	Ossining	1
2	Tappan Zee	1
4	Suffern	5
0	Clarkstown South	6
4	Clarkstown North	3
3	Kingston	7
3	White Plains	2
1	North Rockland	3
3	Portchester	5
22	Ossining	14
5	Clarkstown South	6
6	Clarkstown North	3
4	Spring Valley	5
7	Suffern	13
6	North Rockland	4
1	White Plains	5
5	Spring Valley	1
	Team Record 9-10	

A Swinging Success

With strong leadership and a powerful determination to win, this year's girls softball team enjoyed a successful and gratifying season.

Coach John Fucci led the girls to many victories with his guidance and concern for the team. His emphasis on a strong pitching staff and a powerful batting crew proved a valuable strategy.

Although off to a slow start, the team picked up its record as a result of the contributions of Abby Feinberg's pitching, Cindy Grodman's powerful field work, and the entire team's talent and persistence.

Their hard work paid off when the team advanced to the Sectionals. In addition, many of the players ended up making the all-county team.

1984 Girls Softball

Ramapo		Opponent
2	Lakeland	5
0	Franklin Delano Roosevelt	1
9	Clarkstown South	7
7	Clarkstown North	12
3	Suffern	2
0	North Rockland	4
9	Portchester	7
0	Lakeland	9
6	Clarkstown South	2
6	Spring Valley	3
12	Clarkstown North	3
1	Suffern	14
0	North Rockland	4
3	Franklin Delano Roosevelt	7
2	Albertus Magnus	6
5	Spring Valley	9
0	North Rockland	2

Team Record 6-11

Cindy Grodman. "Sweat and tears is what held the team together this year."

Pitch to Paikin. Catcher Michelle Paikin has no home - home base that is.

The 1985 Varsity Softball Team. Tara Levine, Michelle Paikin, Sheryl Berkis, Cindy Grodman, Abby Feinberg, Lisa Veitinger, and Lori Leiberman.

Batter up! Slugger Lori Lieberman is set to hit a home run.

Warming up. Sheryl Berkis and Cindy Grodman prepare for their upcoming game.

Gryphon Spirit

Ramapo High School glowed with spirit for its teams during the 1984-85 school year. Students wearing green and gold were frequently seen in the halls of Ramapo prior to major to major sporting events.

The students at Ramapo were very supportive of the school's teams, showing their high spirit throughout the year. In the fall, weekend football games drew healthy crowds of hundreds from both Ramapo and opposing schools. Soccer games, likewise, brought in enthusiastic crowds to the sidelines in the crisp autumn afternoon. Inclement weather did not keep Gryphon fans from coming out in masses for winter basketball games. Track and swimming meets also produced numerous fans. The crowds did not decline when the weather turned unfavorable. With the start of spring, the fans were again able to return to cheer on Ramapo's baseball and softball teams.

The Ramapo Gryphon. "Ramapo Spirit is a lot like me. It has the nobility of an eagle and the strength of a lion. This spirit, like the Gryphon, will last forever."

Please don't tackle me! Senior Risa Fogel isn't starting her own football team; she's just showing her overwhelming school spirit.

Go Gryphons. Neither rain nor sleet nor hail nor the bitter cold of December could keep Darin Folb, Monique Headly, Richard Goldstein, Lisa Hersch, Todd Strier and Suzanne DeWitt from supporting the Gryphon Football team.

Rally around the flag. Danette James and Franckline Lautweget ready to lead the crowd in an exquisite exhibition of Ramapo school spirit.

Standing room only. Finding a seat at a Ramapo home football game was always an arduous task.

The Palette

Colors on the palette. Ramapo students make up the magnificent hues of our living masterpiece.

The people of Ramapo are as diverse as the colors on an artist's palette. Yet as different as we are, when the combination is just right, the picture we form is one of perfection. How boring our lives would be if we were all the same. Every person has his own unique talents, attributes and virtues that compose the individual. Each Ramapo student found his way of expressing his identity. Whether at work or at play, our characteristics shined through with a personal touch that declared, "This is me!"

The picture that we were all part of was constantly changing. This perpetual change was part of our masterpiece. How we saw ourselves and perceived others gave us each a different perspective of the total Ramapo scene. If we looked through the stereotypes we all tend to place on

people, we would realize we have as much in common as we are different. We would see colors and shades of personalities we had never noticed before. The faces in the portraits over the following pages are images of what we were in Ramapo and will evoke memories and feelings every time we look at them. New colors are made as others are washed away on the palette of time.

People

Dear Adam,

I don't know what to say. [redacted] Aerobics has been quite an experience w/you! I definitely want to stay in touch and I wish ya the best of luck in everything you do!

#354-3733

Thank God for "Tai"!

Lets get bombed together this summer!

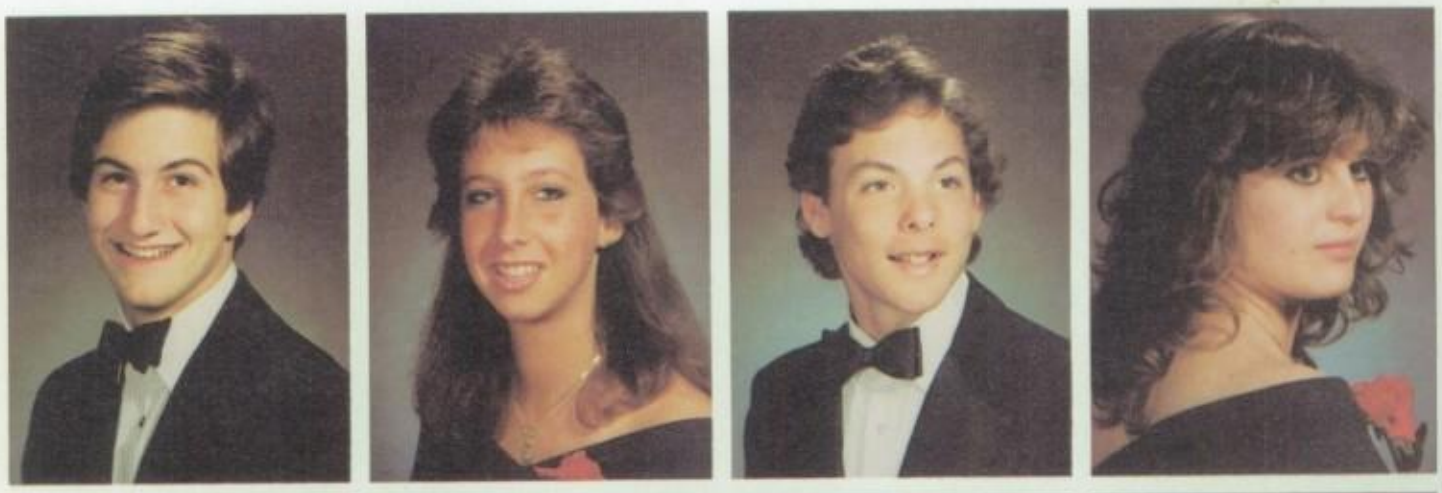
Love Ya

Shats gonna be worth bucks one day!

Li-Li

Graduates

They're playing my song. The Senior Class Talent Show is another small step to stardom for Greg Sandber.



Scott Abramowitz
N.H.S./M.A.T.
Varsity Basketball
Key Club
S.C.S./C.A.P.

Elizabeth Abramsky

Eric A. Abramson
Varsity Soccer
Varsity Basketball
Varsity Tennis Team
Key Club

Tracey Agoado
J.V. Cheerleading- Captain
Varsity Cheerleading
Key Club
S.C.S.

Cynthia Aguas

Sergios Anezoulakis

Henriett Aron
J.V. Cheerleading

Rena Aron
Law Career Grou
Media Career Group
Key Club

Nadine Aronson
M.A.T.
Jr.-President/Sr. Class Council
Media Career Group-President
Yearbook-Underclass Editor

Michael Backelman
N.H.S./F.L.H.S./M.A.T.
Jr./Sr. Class Council
Yearbook-Activities/Academics
Editor
S.C.S.

Christopher Baez
German Club

Michael Baquisal

Jeanette Barich
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Key Club
Art Career Group
Media Career Group

Ray Bartus
Varsity Baseball
Medical Career Group

Frank Bastone Jr.

Halloune Beauvais
B.O.C.E.S.
S.C.S./C.A.P.
Gryphonettes

Paul Behanna
Varsity Swim Team-Captain
Computer Club

Edward Belevue

Mark Belnick
Key Club-Sergeant at Arms

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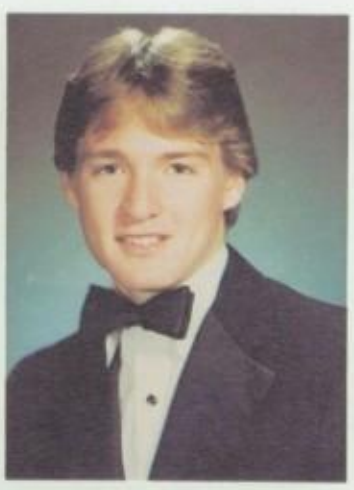
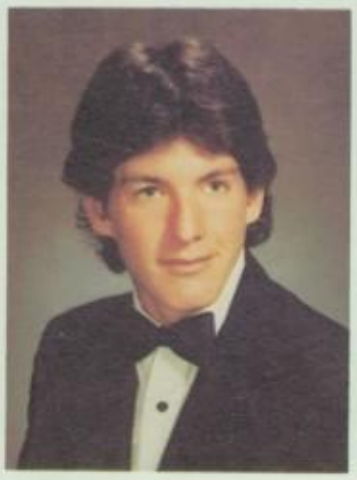

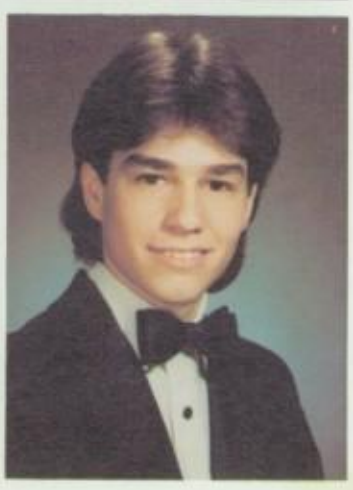

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Emily-Kate Berger
F.L.H.S.
German Club

Lucettte Bernard

Monte Berzon

Zachary Berzon
Varsity Soccer
Varsity Football
Key Club
S.C.S.

Brian Besterman
N.H.S./F.L.H.S./M.A.T.
Talent Show-Musical Director
Marching Band

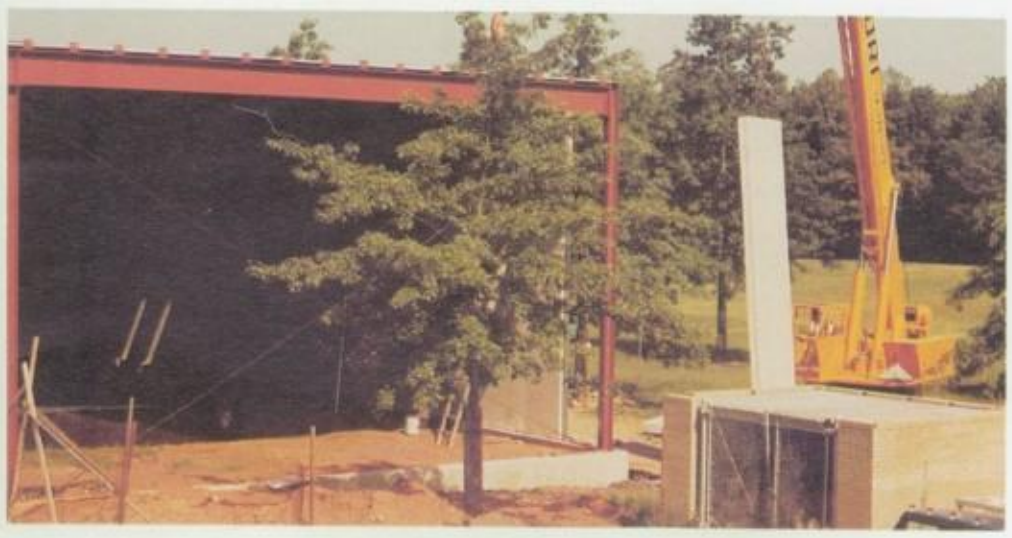
Christopher Bibbins
Varsity football
Varsity Basketball
Varsity Baseball

Bernard Bierman
N.H.S./F.L.H.S./M.A.T.
Yearbook-Co-Editor-In-Chief
Jr./Sr. Class Council
Talent Show/Marching Band

Renovation For Recreation

Taking shape. The new gymnasium nears completion.

In order for anything to improve, it must grow. In striving for perfection, there is the potential for growth. The newest addition to Ramapo was the auxiliary gym. No longer was one person's goal line another's center field. The new gym has given us space to improve, not only our school, but our bodies and athletic skills. It has provided an area for several indoor sports, both after school and during physical education classes, to occur simutaneously. Our thanks to the district for enabling us to improve our athletic programs.



It's a bird . . . It's a plane . . . No, its a new gym! The new gymnasium is shown here in its first stages.

The Big Decision

Ramapo Senior High School has enabled us to recognize our capabilities, strive to realize our full potential, and make our goals realistic. The career center at Ramapo was readily available to help us make crucial decisions while providing necessary information about colleges, universities, the armed forces, and financial aid. Volunteers donated their time to discuss with us career and college opportunities. Many worthwhile suggestions helped make a dream for the future a possible reality. The computer is an additional source of profiles and personal preferences to compile a list of college and career possibilities. The many sources of information helped to make the big decision a successful one.

In search of. Mrs. Jean Cekleniak aids Ingrid Black, John Guardino, and Lee Zaretsky in finding the perfect college.

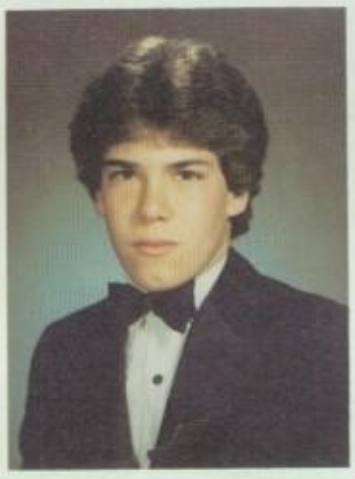
Laura Bifulco
N.H.S./F.L.H.S.
Varsity Cheerleading
Key Club
Italian Club

Steven Bigman
Varsity Swim Team

Gail Bila
Key Club
Junior Varsity Softball
Varsity Tennis

Debra Black

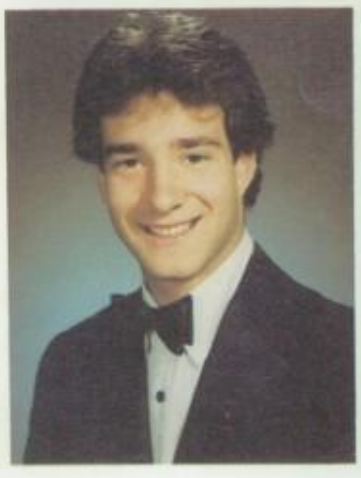
Ingrid Black
Afro-American Society
Winter/Spring Track



Michael Block

Ronna Bloom
Varsity Tennis
Key Club
Sr. Class Council

Christine Bollman
N.H.S.



Bradley Bolnick

Frank Borowski

Jackie Botkin
Varsity Tennis
Key Club
Yearbook-Staff
Art Career Group

Friedlaire Bottex

Larry Boxer
N.H.S.
Key Club
Medical Career Group

Deborah Branch
Sr. Class Council
Gryphonettes
Medical Career Group

Walter Branch

Lisa Breth

Melanie Bronsky
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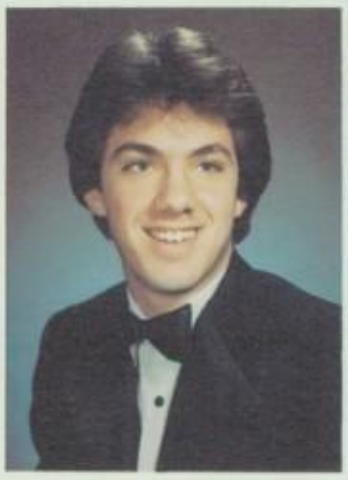
David Brown
N.H.S.
S.A.C.-Parliamentarian
Sr. Class Council-Treasurer
Mock Trial Team



Robert F. Bruno
J.V. Basketball
Varsity Basketball

Steven Bryant
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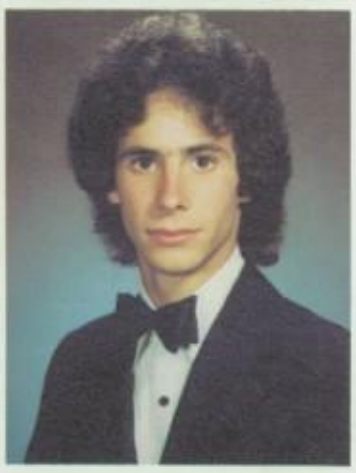

Sandro Bucci
F.L.H.S.

Geoffrey F. Bullock
S.T.E.P.-Treasurer
Fashion Career Group
Varsity Track
Youth Opportunity Program

William E. Bullock Jr.
S.T.E.P.-Vice President
Fashion Career Group
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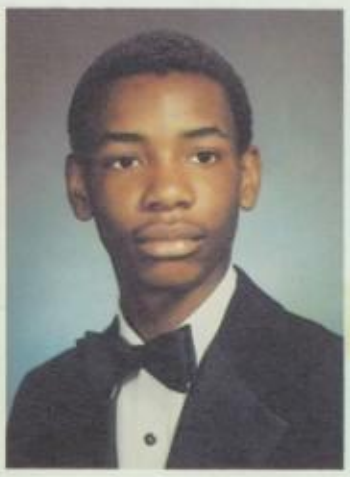

Michael Bunn
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Jr./Senior Class Council-Vice President
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S.C.S.

Timothy Butler

Fay Byer

James Cable

Marie-Josette Cadet
S.C.S.
Dance Club
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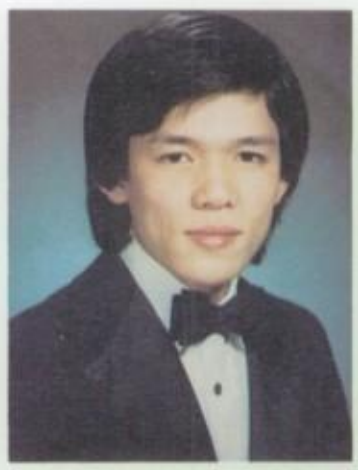

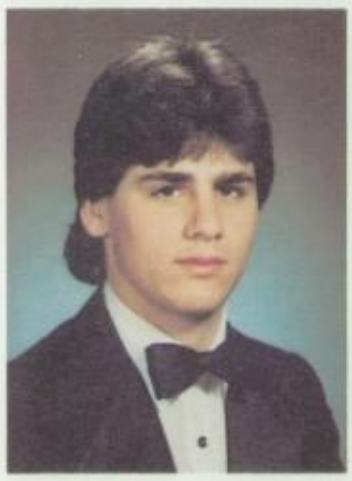

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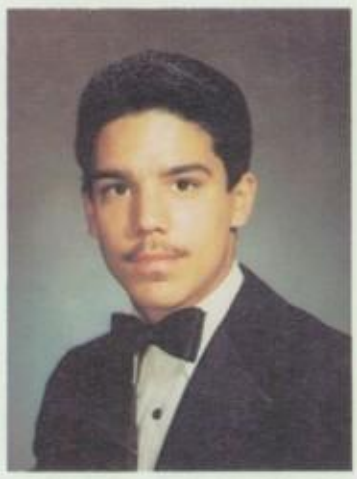

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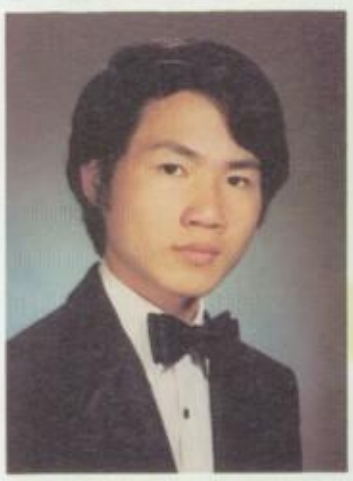

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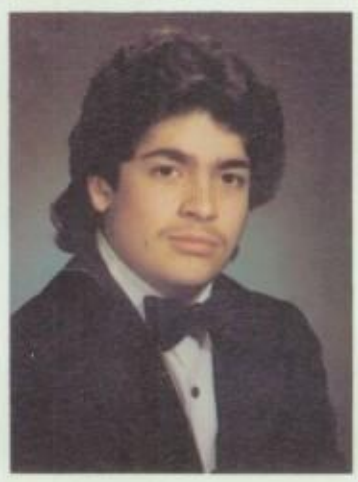

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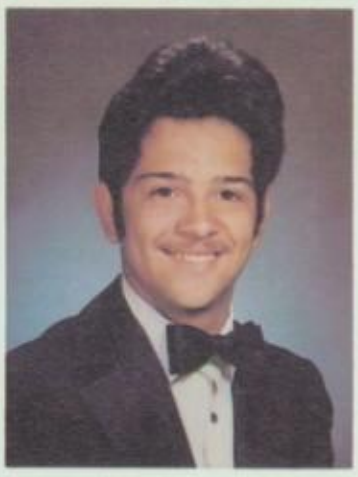

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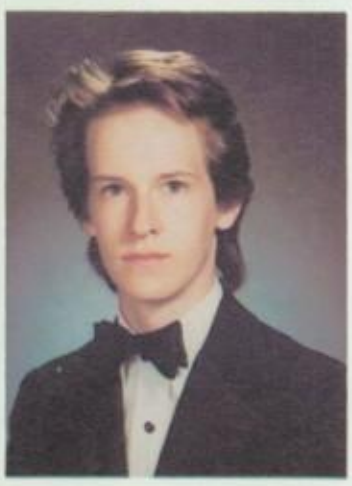
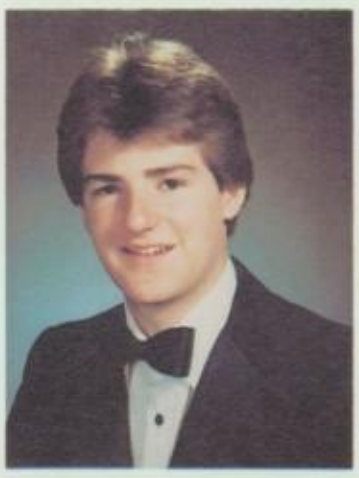


Thomas Donohue

Watch out Imus. Senior Ted Sevransky hopes one day to take radio broadcasting by storm.



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Ludy Dorvil

Desiree Dougherty
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Foreign Exchange Club-President
Media Career Group-Co-President

Stacey Dresdale
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Yearbook-Secretary
Sr. Class Council

Barry Drobes
N.H.S./F.L.H.S.
Math Team

Lisa Drucker
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Jr./Sr. Class Council
Literary Magazine
Latin Club/Spanish Lit Club

Martha Duroseau
S.C.S.

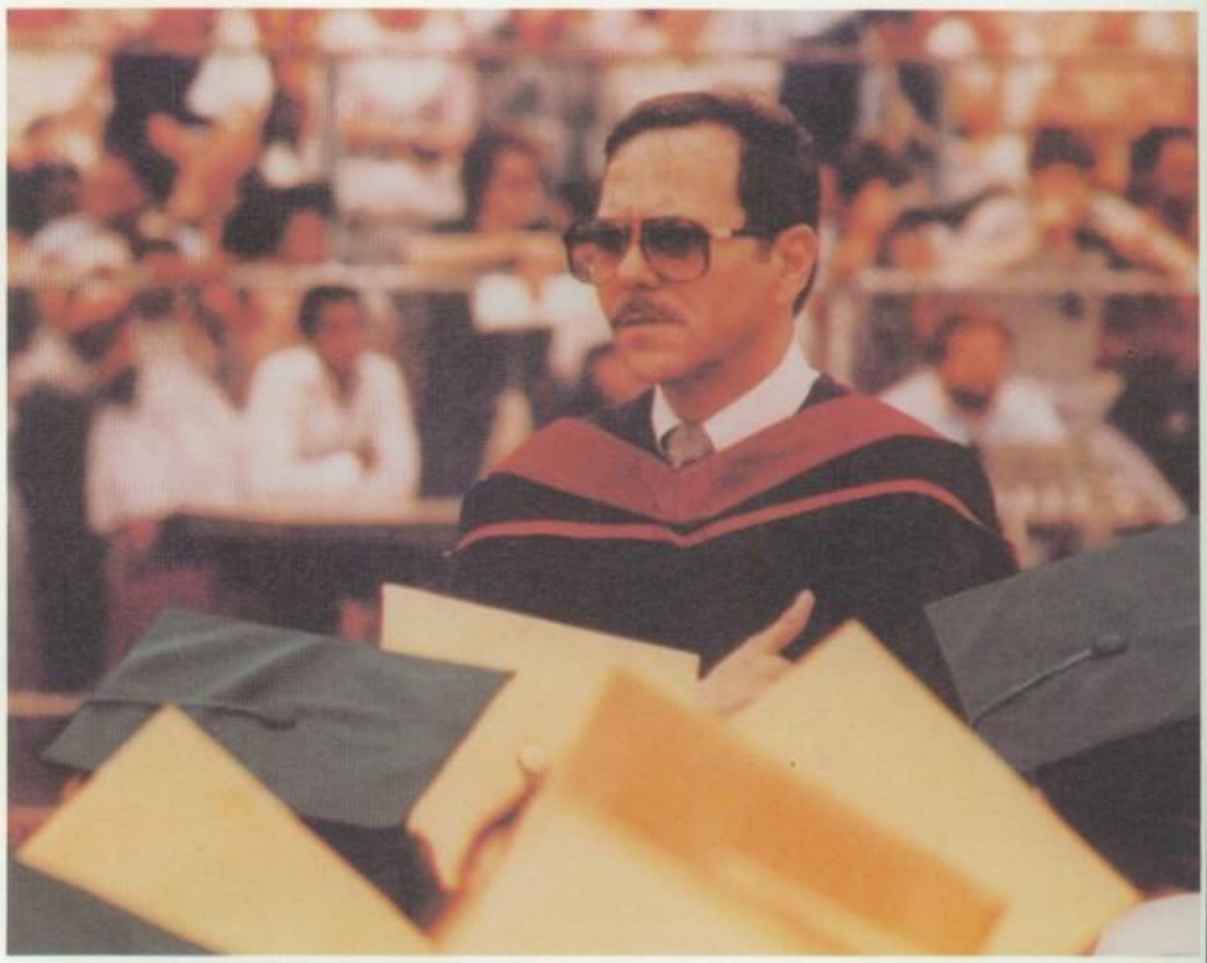
Vernon Earl, Jr.
Michele Edelman
Lee Ederheimer
Key Club
Varsity Swim Team-Captain
Fauna Club
Medical Career Group

Edna Edwards
B.O.C.E.S.
S.C.S./C.A.P.
Afro-American Society

Looking Toward The Future . . .

Reflecting On the Past

As we walked down the aisle to receive our diplomas, our thoughts turned to the past and toward the future. We remembered our years here at Ramapo: the afternoons dedicated to the various organizations and activities in the school, the long nights spent cramming for tests. We remembered the teachers who had helped us and guided us to a better understanding of our work and ourselves. But perhaps most prominent in our minds were the friends we made and the experiences we had both in and out of school. We looked toward the future, toward college and careers, and to the continuation of the valuable lessons learned in these hallowed halls.



Land ho! Mr. George Longobardi gazes proudly over the sea of graduation caps.

Jill Ehnenn
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Medical Career Group
All State Chorus

Adam Eisman
Varsity Wrestling
Business Career Group

Jeanine Ercoreca
N.H.S./ F.L.H.S./M.A.T.
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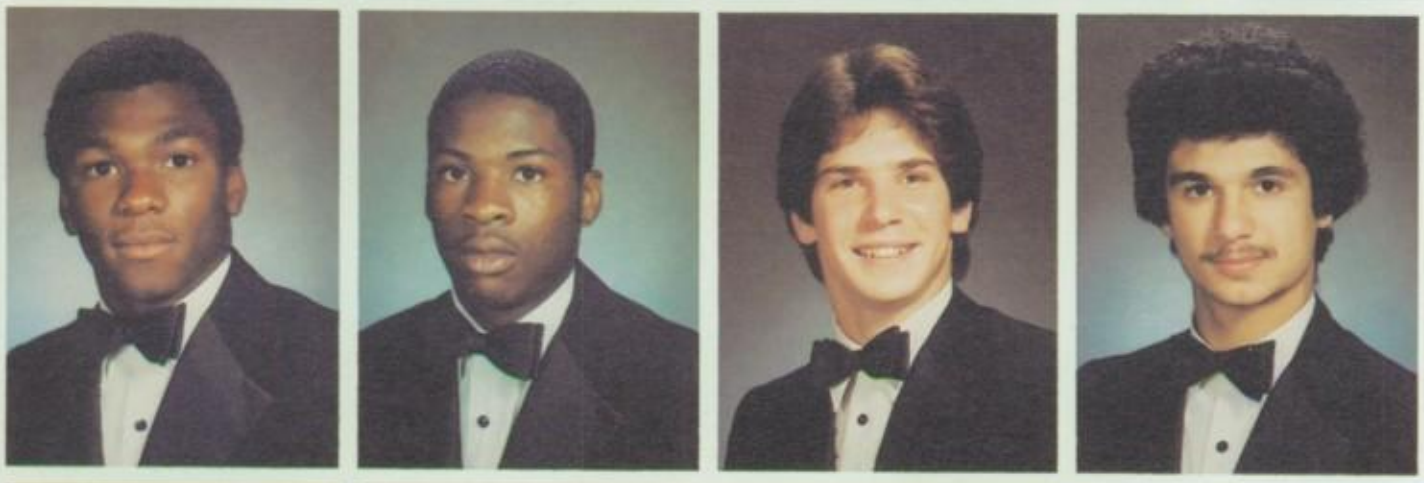
Italian Club-Treasurer
Yearbook-Sports Editor
Key Club



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John Falchi

Masoud Fallah
N.H.S.
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Varsity Tennis
Varsity Softball
Key Club
S.C.S.

Ilana Feinerman

Kim Felsenthal

Connie Fenton

Hannah Fenton
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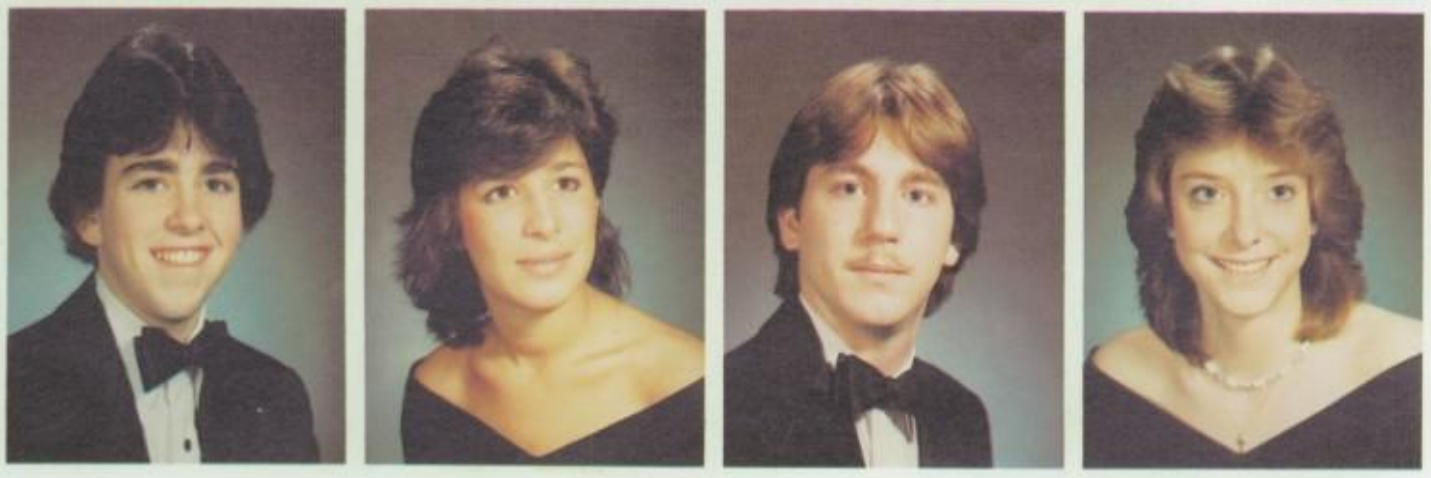

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Vincent Florio
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Fire Marshall Squad

Andrea Fluck
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Key Club
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Risa Fogel
N.H.S.

Thomas Forelli

Bill Fowler

Alex Francois
Varsity Football
Wrestling-Captain

Eric Frank
Medical Career Group

Steven Frank
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Media Career Group-Co-President
C.A.P.
Yearbook-Copy Editor

David Freedberg
Math Team

Jeffrey Freedman
Spring Hill Youth Squad
Key Club
Medical Career Group

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Matt Friedman
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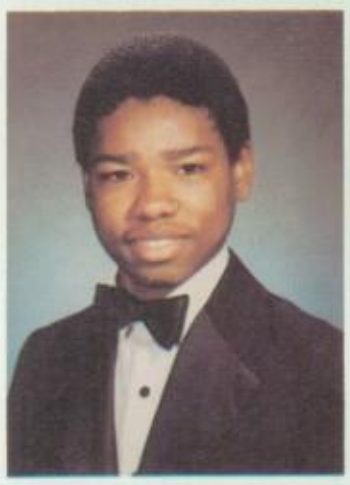

Yves Gachette
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Julio C. Gallego
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Psychology Career Group

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Yearbook Staff
German Club
Key Club

Lisa Ganz
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Key Club
German Club

John Gaudino
Key Club-Vice President
Italian Club
Varsity Tennis
Law Career Group/Medical Career Group

Anthony Geathers
N.H.S.
Jazz Ensemble
Talent Show

Jolaine Gedeon

A Prominent Tradition

The prom holds special meaning for the high school senior. More than a simple dance, it is an evening marked by tradition and significance. For Ramapo students, this year's prom held at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton, was an evening that will never be forgotten. Attired in traditional formal clothing, we danced to both popular and nostalgic music. It was the beginning of the end of our high school life. The prom provided a romantic and sentimental time to share with our friends before having to say goodbye. Everyone experienced an unforgettable and thoroughly enjoyable evening that will live in our hearts forever!

It's finally here. Jon Levitt, Debbie Rubinfeld, and Michael Solney look their best as they enjoy themselves at the long-awaited prom.

A perfect 10. All set for an unforgettable evening.

Jennifer B. Geller
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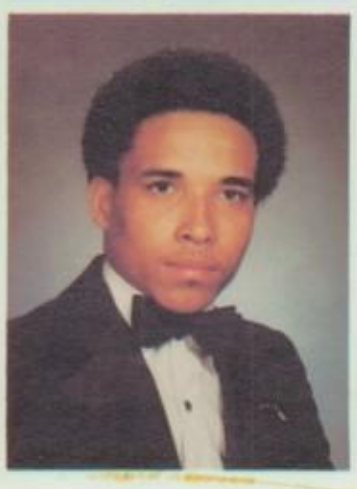
Varsity Volleyball
Varsity Swim Team

Larry Gerber
N.H.S./F.L.H.S./M.A.T.-Treasurer
Newspaper-Sports Editor
Medical Career Group

Yael Gershon
WRAM-Music Director
Media Career Group
S.A.C.
Foreign Exchange Club

Jason Gibbs
Key Club

Dominique B. Gilet
Dominique M. Gilet



Kim Gimby
J.V. Softball
Key Club
Italian Club
Varsity Tennis

Bruce Gimpel
M.A.T./N.H.S.
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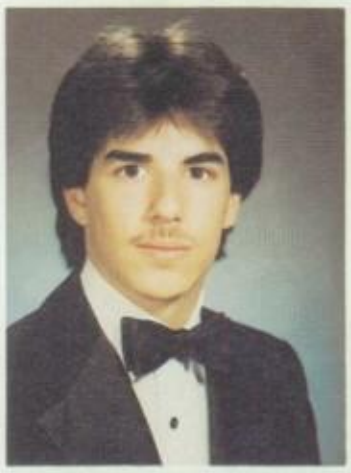
S.C.S.

Diane Gioeni



Seth Gisser

You don't scare me. Senior Ricky Irace comes face to face with one of the artistic murals found throughout Ramapo.

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Newspaper-News Editor
Math Team

Ruvain Gittelman
N.H.S./M.A.T.-President
Math Team
Chess Club-President
Newspaper-Editor

Stacy Gitter
Varsity Swim Team
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Lisa Glaser
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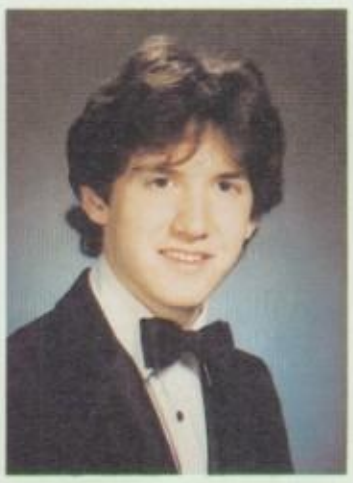

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Varsity Soccer
Math Team

Richard Glotzer
Varsity Football
Key Club
Varsity Tennis
Varsity Baseball

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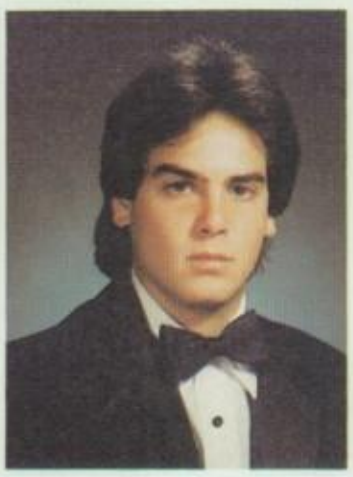
Art Career Group



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Key Club

Beth Goldfarb
S.A.C./S.C.S.
Key Club
Psychology Career Group

Mindy Goldfarb
N.H.S.

Karin Goldman
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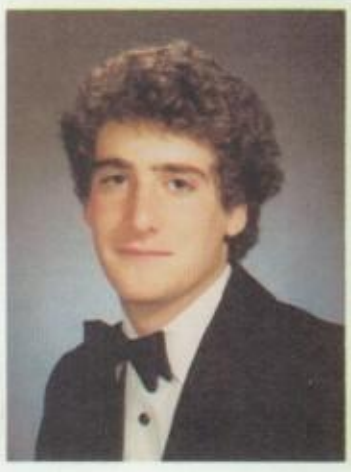
Varsity Cheerleading
Yearbook-Academics/Organizations Editor



Ivy Goldstein
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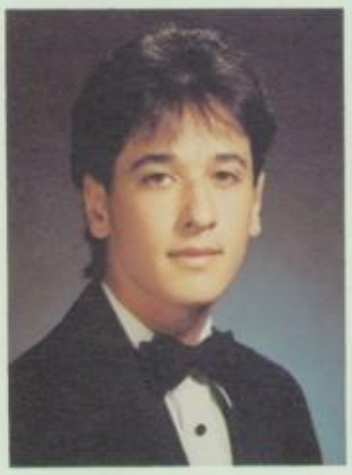

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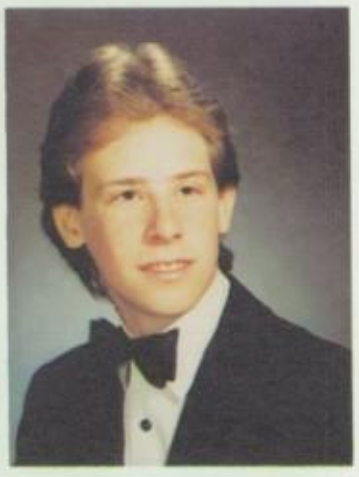
School Radio
Law Career Group

Kimberly Gray



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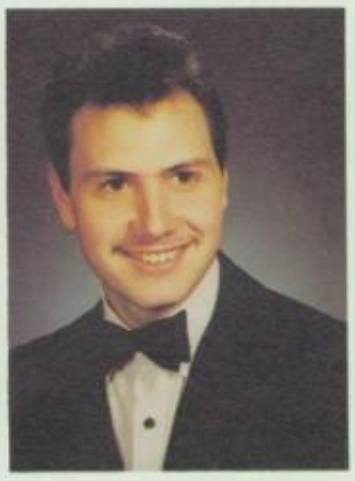

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Beth Gressel
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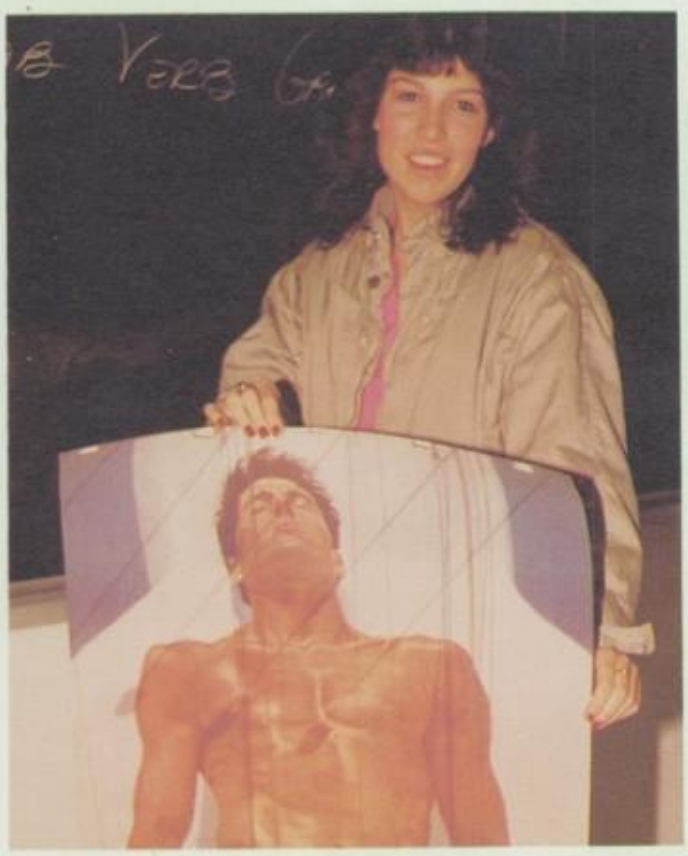

Poster happy. Robin Shapiro adds yet another designer poster to her collection.

Randi Grippo

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Varsity Softball
Varsity Soccer-Captain

Bonnie Gross
Varsity Swim Team
Key Club
Yearbook Staff

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N.H.S.
Dance Club

Twin A

Keith Guliner
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Media Career Group

Mitchell Hamerman
N.H.S.
Media Career Group

Alan Hanstein
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Computer Club
Varsity Track

Lemor Harel
Key Club
J.V. Softball

Christine Haroian

Christopher Harrison

Eric Hayes

Monique Headley

Michelle Heinig
S.C.S./C.A.P.

Kim J. Herman
S.C.S.

Lisa Hersh
Key Club
Media Career Group
Sr. Class Council
Law Career Group

Jordan Hill

Laura Jean Hill

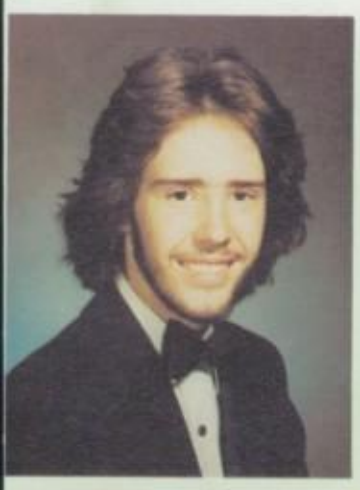
Victoria Hill
J.V. Basketball
Gryphonettes
Fashion Show
S.C.S.

Harry S. Hochheiser
N.H.S./F.L.H.S./M.A.T.
S.A.C.-Treasurer
Computer Club-Treasurer
Academic League

Twin B.

Womb Mates

Did you ever wonder what it's like to be a twin? Imagine having to share not only your clothes, friends, house and room; but also your parents, last name, phone number and womb. There were plenty of people at Ramapo who could tell you what it was like to be a twin from first-hand experience. There were seven sets of twins who gaduated in 1985. There were five sets of fraternal twins: the Berzons, Dresdales, Gittlemans, Marcus' and Smiths; and two sets of identical twins: the Ganzes and Munizes. Match the Twin on the left with the twin on the right and double your fun!



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Marc Horowitz
Varsity Football
Varsity Wrestling

Richard Hulnick
Varsity Swim Team-Captain
Computer Club

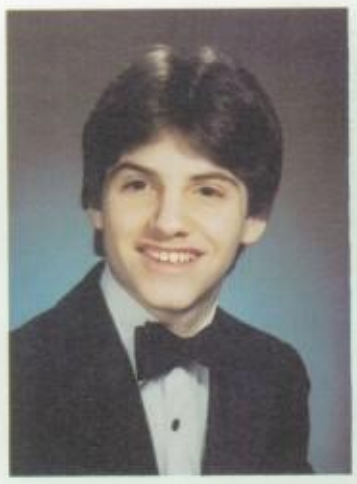
Daniel Hyman
Ski Club
S.A.D.D.

Howard Ingber
S.C.S.
J.V. Tennis Team

Richard Irace
Varsity Baseball-Captain
J.V. Baseball-Captain
J.V. Basketball
Student Security

Lori Isaacs
Key Club

Angela Jackson
Varsity Cheerleading
Varsity Track Team
Fashion Career Group



Howard Jacobs

Robin S. Jacobson
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Foreign Exchange Club-Vice President
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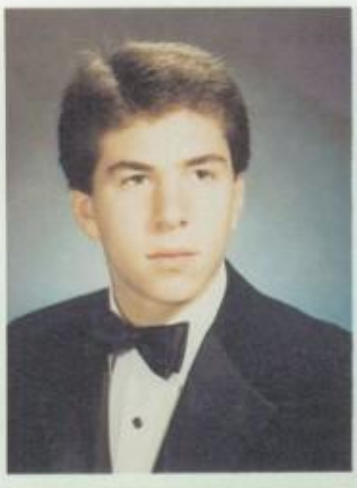
Varsity Football



Corey Jassem
N.H.S.
Key Club
Medical Career Group

Edwin Jean-Baptiste
Varsity Football
Varsity Baseball
Afro-American Society

Jerry Jean-Baptiste
Varsity Football
Varsity Track

Betsie Jean-Charles
S.C.S./C.A.P.
Gryphonettes

Gervil Jean-Serge
Intercultural Club

Love In The Afternoon

Fantasizing has always been an important part of any student's life. For many students, a juicy afternoon soap opera provided the ultimate escape from mundane school days. How small our problems seemed when compared to the traumas of the soap opera characters. While our major concerns this year were homework, tests, grades, exams, term papers, and maintaining an active social life, the characters on television were faced with disease, death, murder, blackmail, nervous breakdowns, indictment, felonies, envy, lust, divorce, abuse, sacrilege, and paralysis.

There are several requirements to be a character on a soap. For example, you must have had, at one time or another, a chronic disease that has left physical or mental scars in its wake. It also helps to have a shady past, such as having committed several murders and/or being institutionalized, or having conceived a child with your best friend's spouse. Finally, you must have an enemy who you hate enough to bludgeon to death.

While some may consider watching soaps to be a mindless waste of time, it did have some merit. This year the soaps gave students villains to hate, heroes to idolize, and a good sense of ethics. For example, blackmailing your best friends with incriminating evidence of them in compromising situations may be considered, by some, to be immoral. The soaps also taught us how wonderful romance is, and that it is alive and well today. The students who chose to emulate these romances certainly had more to talk about than those who didn't.

What?!? A disbelieving Wendy Katzman is shocked by the latest development on her favorite soap opera.

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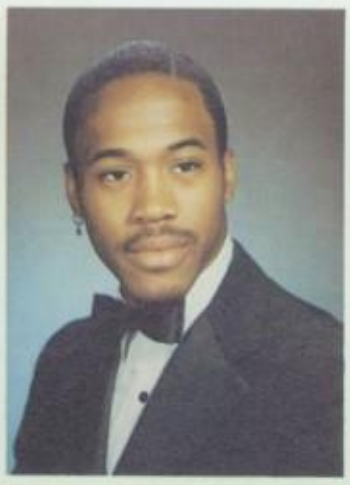
Varsity Track
Varsity Wrestling
Student Security

Dennis T. Johnson
Varsity Basketball



Kenny Johnson
Varsity Football

Latonya Johnson
S.T.E.P.
Afro-American Society

Rondal Johnson
Varsity Track Team
Afro-American Club
S.C.S.

Valerie Johnson

Anthony Jones
Varsity Football

Colin Jones

Kenneth Jones

Micheline L. Joseph
S.C.S.
Intercultural Club

Calvin R. Joubert
Varsity Wrestling
Varsity Track
Afro-American Society

Sean C. Judd
S.C.S.

Martha Justin
Varsity Volleyball

Alexis Kachulis
N.H.S./M.A.T.
Sr. Class Council-Secretary
Yearbook Staff

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Varsity Track
S.P.A.M.

Marc Kahn
Key Club

Jared Kalina
S.A.C.
Law Career Group
S.P.A.M.-Treasurer
Psychology Career Group

Arthur Kalman
N.H.S.
Varsity Track
Varsity Baseball

Marcy Kamer

Scott M. Kaminsky
Key Club
Media Career Group

Mindy Kaplan
F.L.H.S.
J.V. Tennis

Jennifer Karst
N.H.S./F.L.H.S.
Varsity Swim Team
Mock Trial Team
German Club

Wendy Katzman
Key Club
Psychology Career Group
Media Career Group
Art Career Group

Michele Kaufman

Debra Kay

Robin Kay
J.V. Track
J.V. Tennis
Key Club

Rene Kernisant

Baxter Khan

Kenneth Kiczales

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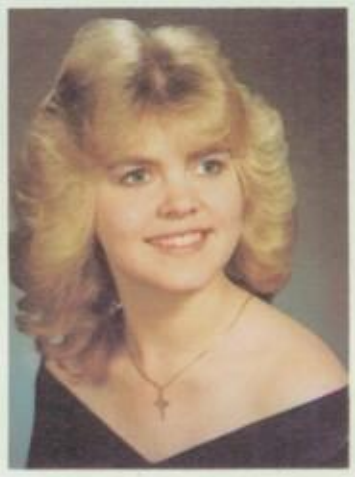
J.V. Football

Evan Klein
Foster Parents Club
School Store

Robert Klein



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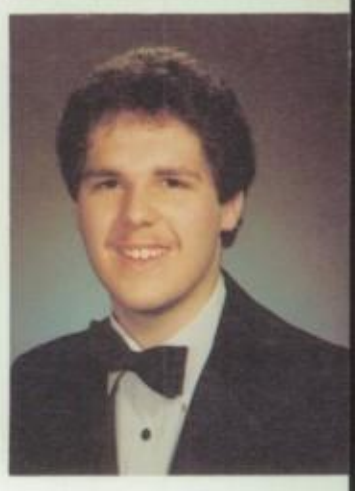

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Key Club

Tracy Kramer
N.H.S.
Varsity Softball
Key Club
S.C.S.

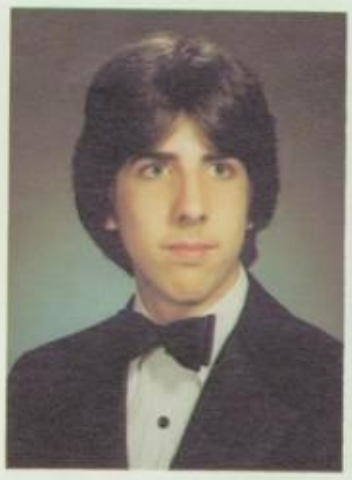
Jami Kreinik
Key Club

Evan Kremin
N.H.S.
Director Talent Show/Spring Musical
Marching Band
Yearbook-Student Life Editor

Lauren Krieger
Varsity Tennis
Key Club
Yearbook Staff

Vrrroom! Students at Ramapo have many opportunities to learn a wide variety of skills and trades. Here, Mr. Charles Kwitchoff shows Artemus Johnson the mechanics of a motorcycle.

Susan Krokus
Darren Kronenberg
Varsity Tennis Team
Key Club
Law Career Group
Fashion Career Group



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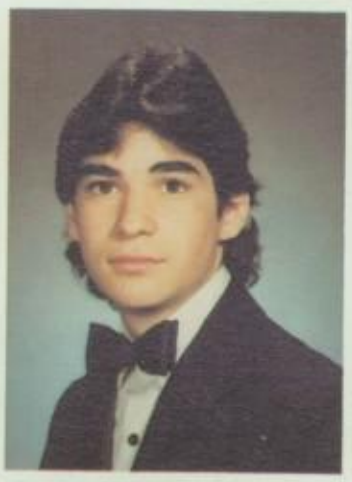
Computer Club-Secretary

Brenda Keyer



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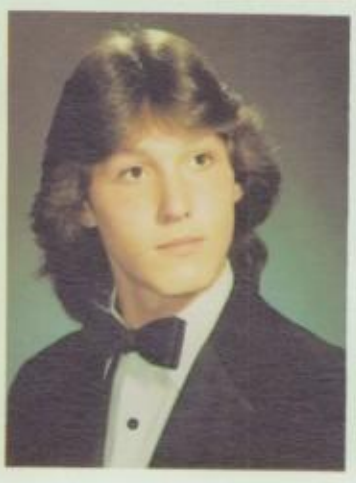

Amy Laufer
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Varsity Volleyball
Key Club
Yearbook Staff

John Lawson
Varsity Baseball
J.V. Baseball
Varsity Football

Scott Leeds
Key Club
Media Career Group
Newspaper

Keith Leff

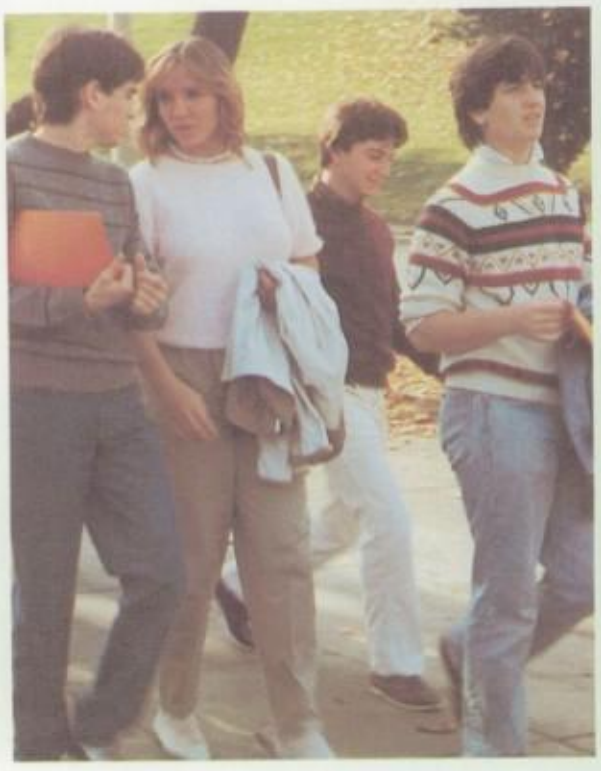
Syracuse Revisited

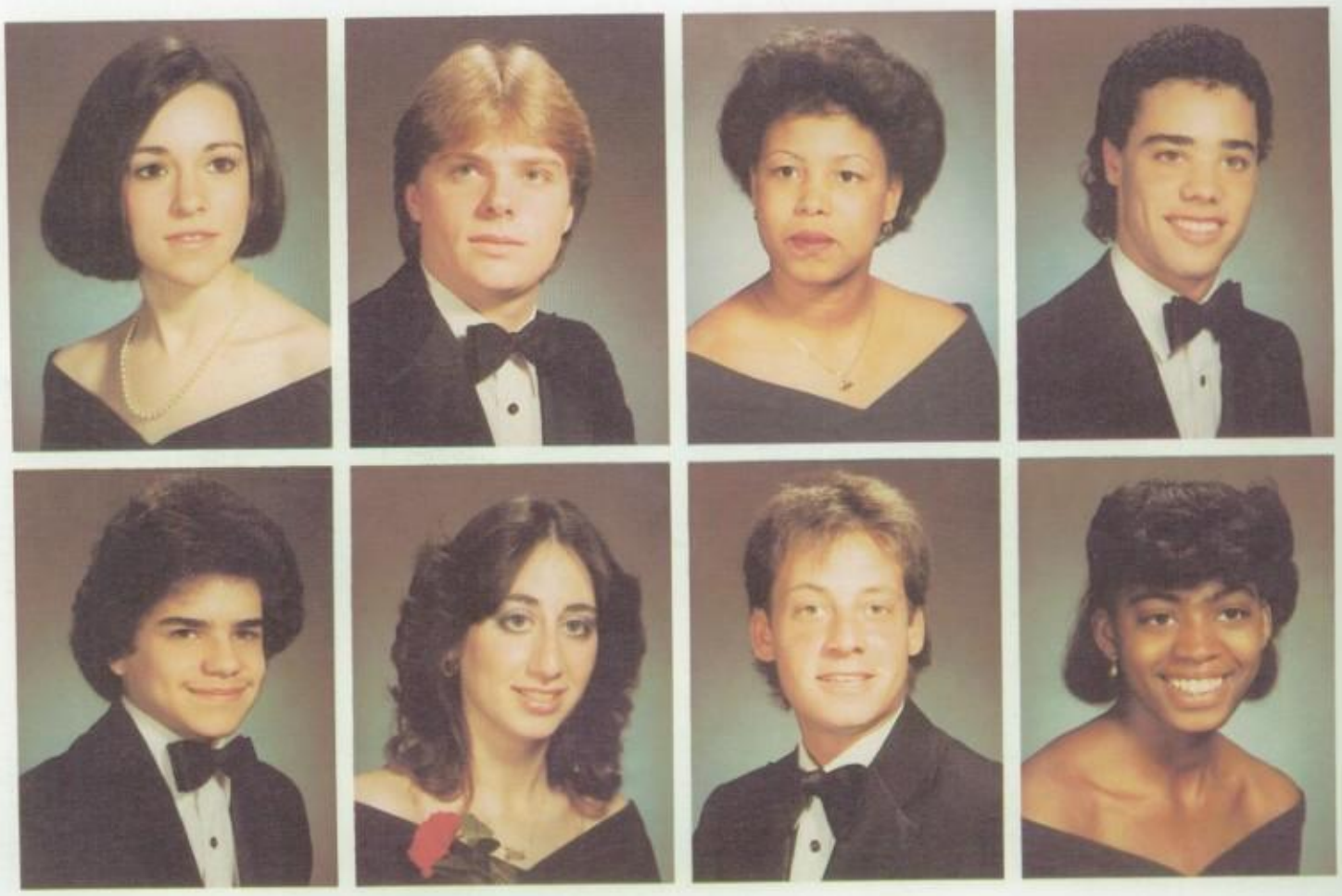
Every year in October, the Ramapo Yearbook Staff attends the Empire State Scholastic Press Association Convention at Syracuse University. This year the staff attended seminars which disclosed modern techniques and new insights for copy, layout, and theme. The annual ESSPA banquet included an awards ceremony at which outstanding publications, such as yearbooks, newspapers and magazines were recognized. The 1984 Ramapo Arimaspian won second place in the copy category and was named the second best yearbook in New York State. Every year, Arimaspian staff members became more and more determined to create a publication artistically and journalistically superior to last year's book, and most importantly, the best in the state. Aside from the educational gains, the staff's morale was brought a to a new zenith and the camraderie among the staffs at the convention added to our enjoyment and knowledge. Certainly meeting with new people on a social level was a rewarding experience.

It is the multidinous experiences of a heterogeneous staff that make a yearbook opulent. The Syracuse experience is one that only enhanced our publication. The input of the varying personalities and ideas of our staff helped to create a comprehensive presentation of our memories of Ramapo Senior High School. Among the many results of our trip to Syracuse was the evolution of a greater sense of cooperation and unity for the entire staff, which was the vital element in the production of our first rate yearbook. A yearbook writes for the future in order to remember a past. The depth of our yearbook community allowed the staff to fuse as a cohesive force of creativity. The intricacies which confront a professional publication become not only a tribute but also a personal triumph for us all.

Checking it out. Mr. Longobardi, Bernie Bierman, Allan Title, and Jon Friedman examine ESSPA's finest.

Campus stroll. Bernie Bierman, Geraldine McSweeney, Steven Frank, and David Shevlin admire the beauty of Syracuse.





Marla Leff
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Foreign Exchange Club-Treasurer
Literary Magazine

Michael Levine
Media Career Group

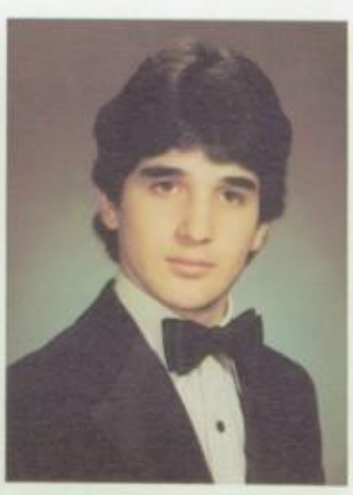
Tara Levine

Jonathan Levitt
Key Club

Melveanna Lewis
N.H.S.
Italian Club
Afro-American Society

Take a break. Exhausted from the hard work, Jill Ehnenn, Jon Friedman, Natalie Cekleniak, Regina Corless, Dana Selig, and David Shevlin relax in front of one of Syracuse's most beautiful buildings. Our aim was not to compete with others, but to compete with excellence.

Say Aramaspian! The 1985 Editors, from top left to bottom right: Michael Esposito, Geraldine McSweeney, Steven Frank, Karin Goldman, Michael Backelman, Robin Jacobson, Natalie Cekleniak, Andrea Merolle, Elyse Sussman, David Shevlin, Jon Friedman, Jill Ehnenn, Kerith Orol, Ian Sklaver, Andrew Godsberg, David Schwartz, Debbie Rubinfeld, Jill Zimmerman, Mr. Longobardi, Allan Title, Regina Corless, Dana Selig, and Bernie Bierman.



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N.H.S./M.A.T./F.L.H.S.
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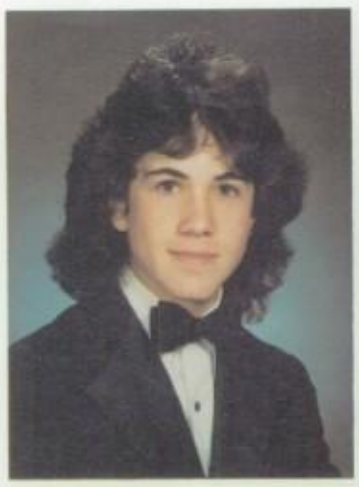

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David Madrous

Peter Mair

David Makower
N.H.S./F.L.H.S./M.A.T.
Talent Show-Director/Spring Musical
All State Chorus
Key Club
Yearbook Staff

Laura Mandel
N.H.S.
Key Club
Art Career Group

Janine Mangiacasale

Elizabeth Manning
Pep Squad
School Musical
Fashion Career Group

Emily Marcus
N.H.S.
Varsity Cheerleading-Captain
Key Club

Food For Thought

Throughout the school year, a favorite cure for everyday anxiety was a daily dose of junk food. Upon ingestion, relief from the trials and tribulations of high school life was instantaneous. Not only did snacking do wonders for our occasional depression, but it also started our brains working and enabled us to study with ease. Perhaps Einstein conceived his Theory of Relativity while munching away on a bag of nacho flavored Doritos. As students, some of our best work was accomplished while stuffing our faces with such delectable delights as popcorn, Fritos, sundaes, Oreos, Freihofers, Twinkies, and ice cream. Calculus homework was a breeze with M and M's in one hand, pencil in the other. However, there were some drawbacks. Of course there were those students who questioned the nutritional value of most snacks. Instead, they found healthy foods such as fresh fruit, Granola Bars, and Tofutti to snack on. For everyone, relieving the munchies helped us to lead an enjoyable, but fattening year.

Satsifaction guaranteed. Few Ramapo students can survive without a daily quota of junk food.

Howard Marcus
Varsity Basketball
Varsity Football

Patrice Marcus

Bethany Marks

John Marshall
Afro-American Society
Computer Club

Warren Marvin
Medical Career Group
Key Club
Ramapo Tennis

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Golf Team
Tennis Team
Literary Magazine

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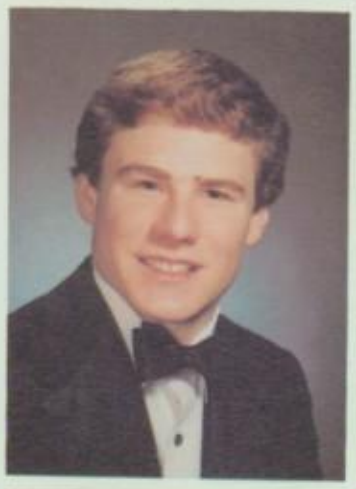

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Sheila McGee
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Afro-American Society

Karlene McKenzie
Afro-American Society
Gryphonettes

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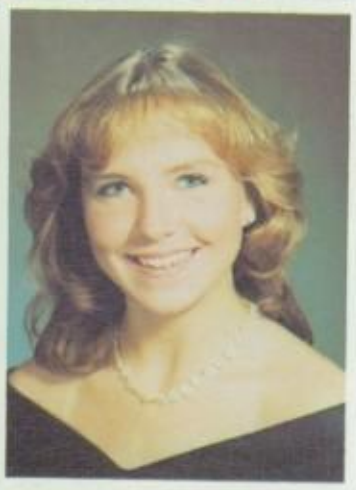
Medical Career Group



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Yearbook-Faculty Editor
Jr./Sr. Class Council

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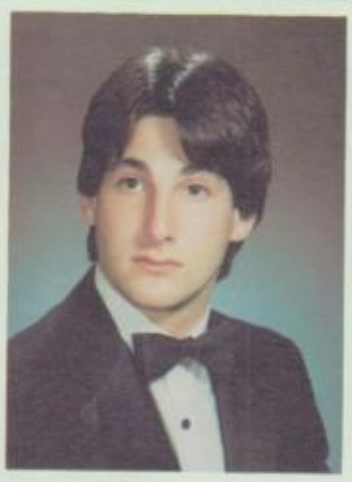
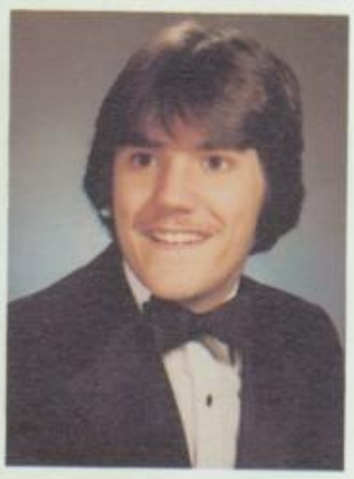
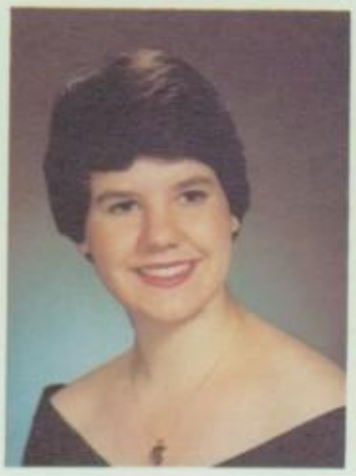
Literary Magazine-Editor
Academic League

Anthony Mignone







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Key Club

Richard Miller
Key Club
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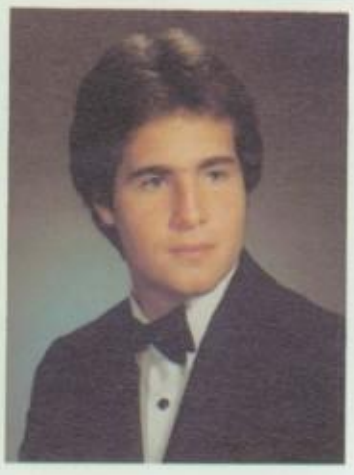
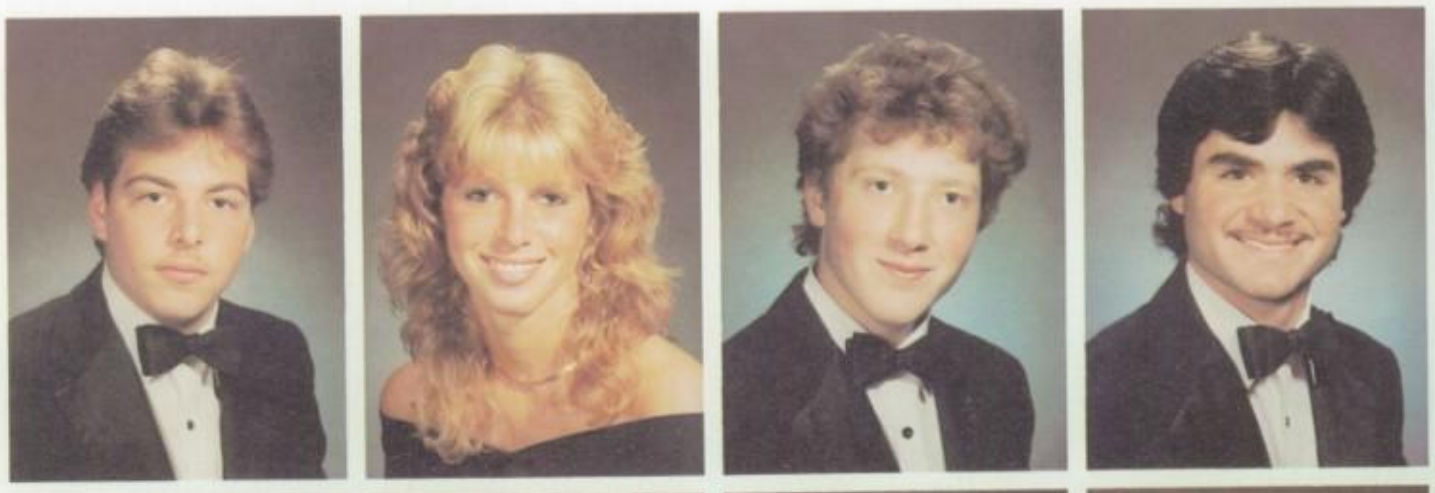
Eric Mindich
Key Club-Sergeant at Arms
Varsity Baseball





Andrew G. Mirman
Key Club

Hillary Mohel
Varsity Tennis
Key Club
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Seth Moldow
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Fashion Career Group
S.A.C.

Drew Mordelay

Frantz Morency
Intercultural Club

Annette Moreno
Art Career Group
Media Career Group
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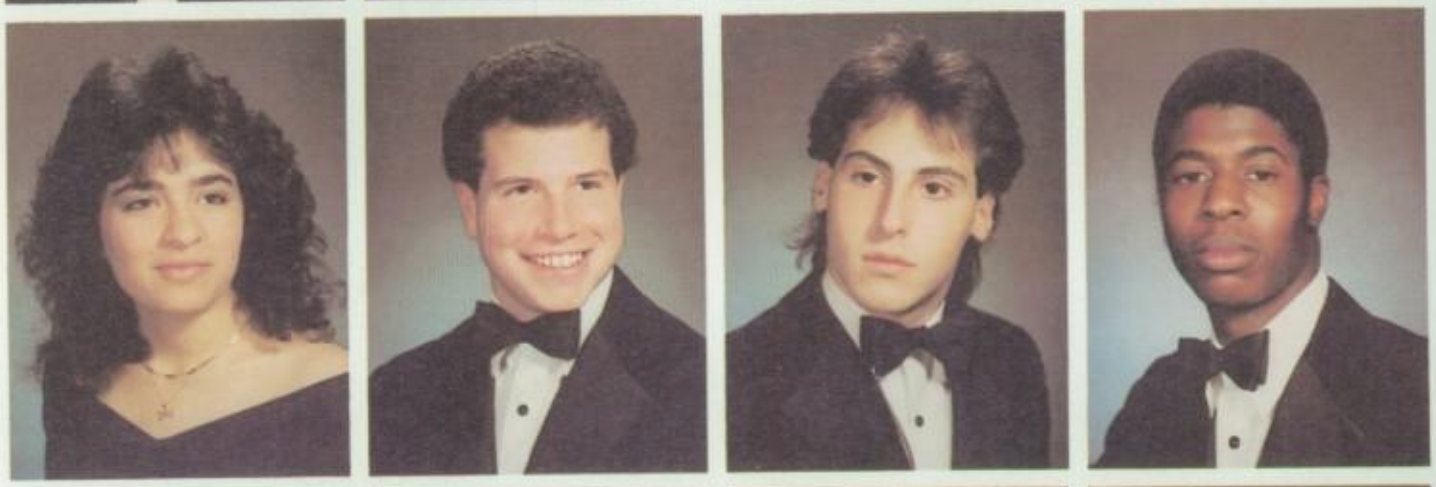

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Lovell Mosley III
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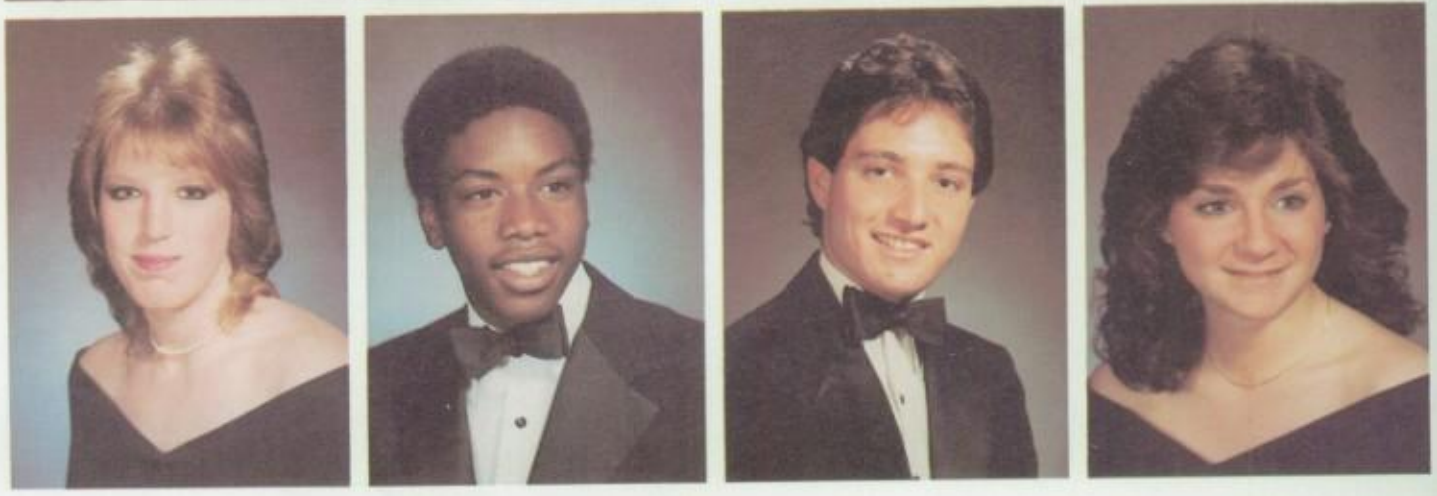


Loretta Murray
B.O.C.E.S.
S.C.S.

Bryan Nance

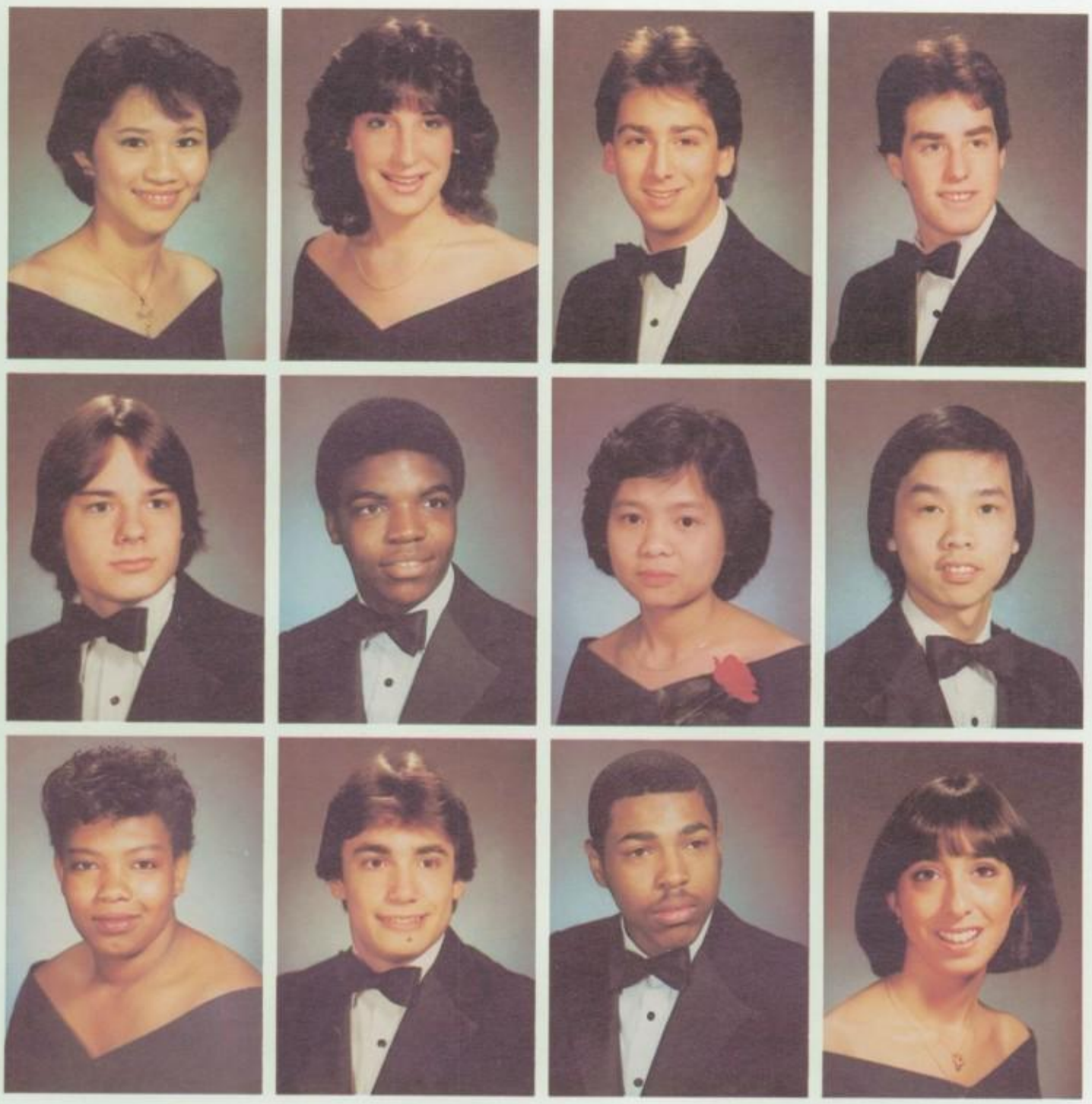
Paul Negroni
Key Club

Michelle Nemzer

This, that, and the other thing. The essentials of a pocketbook are often quite extensive.

In The Bag

Although a pocketbook may seem to have a limited amount of space, there is always room for that one more thing. The following is a brief synopsis of what is found inside our bags: keys, makeup, tissues, diary, contact lens case, mirror, hairbrush (most intrinsic, second to mirror), writing utensils, glasses with case, medication, wallet (which may be a microcosm of its own), readmits, homework, gym clothes, passes, overdue library books, passport, folding umbrella, hair spray, cat, the other earring, movie ticket stubs, a black hole or two, decomposing, Certs and Rolaids, firearms, spoon, a parallel universe, moisturizer, empty gum wrappers (Trident cinnamon, the official Ramapo favorite), and chewed up pen caps. At any given moment, all or any combination of these items may be found within a bag.



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Key Club
Varsity Volleyball
S.C.S.

Steven Newman
Yearbook-Photography Editor
Varsity Swim Team
Key Club
Media Career Group

Brian Nichols
N.H.S.
Varsity Swim Team
Medical Career Group
Spring Musical-Stage Crew

Aaron Nickles
Andre Nottingham
Varsity Football

Linh Cam O
M.A.T.

Toan O

Sandra Oates
Michael Origlia
Key Club-Vice-President
Varsity Soccer-Captain
Varsity Baseball

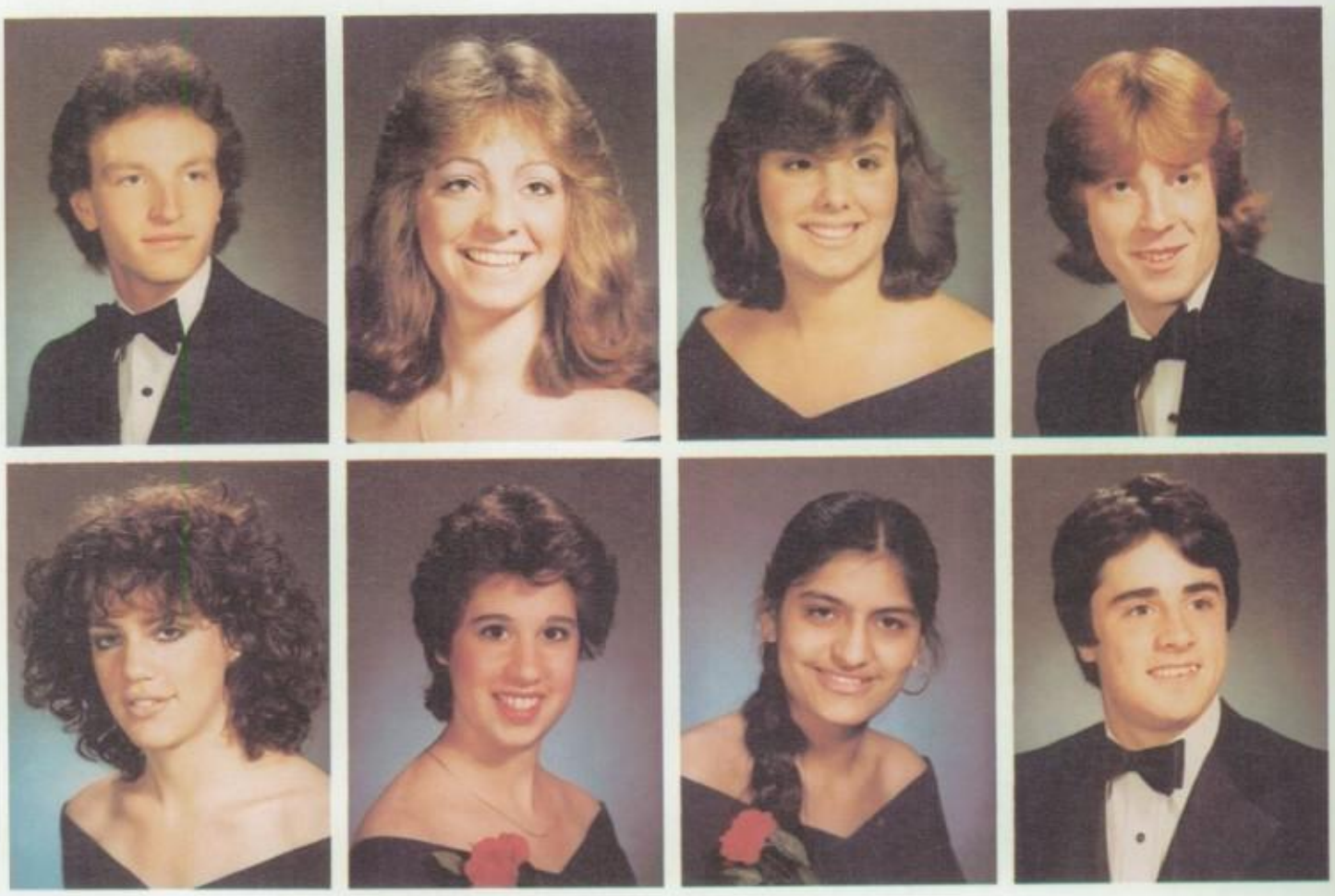
Tyrone Ormond
Kerith Orol
N.H.S./F.L.H.S.
Yearbook- Senior Class Editor
Foreign Exchange Club-Vice President
Jr./Sr. Class Council

Still Alive In '85

Although everyone thought that *M*A*S*H* had said "Goodbye, Farewell, and Amen," it still lived on through reruns. This was true of several classic television shows that had the ability to evoke emotions even though we had seen them over and over again. Perhaps it was because we personally identified with the characters and the situations in which they found themselves. After all, isn't there a little bit of Hawkeye's cynicism and B.J.'s compassion in all of us?

Everyday as we watched, the *Brady Bunch* was faced with such crucial problems as breaking Mom's favorite vase, and encountering cursed Hawaiian idols,. With an exuberant cry of "Holy moly!" Batman and Robin could always escape hair raising situations by using their extremely well equipped utility belts. The Fonz always had advice on how to "keep cool" and enjoy more *Happy Days.* We *Loved Lucy* and envied her persistence in trying to make it big in show business. Her zany antics could always make us laugh. We remember these characters because we grew up with them. As part of our childhood, they had influenced our lives profoundly.

*M*A*S*H still a smash.* Amy Pitluk dons army apparel as a tribute to her favorite show.



Michael Ortenberg
N.H.S./F.L.H.S./M.A.T.
German Club-Vice President
Varsity Baseball
Mock Trial Team

Dawn Osborne

Jodi Ostrin
Key Club

Scott Ottinger
N.H.S.
Varsity Football
Varsity Track
Debate Club

Daniella Palazzolo
Dance Club
Italian Club
Media Career Group

Filomena Passariello

Rupal J. Patel
Medical Career Group

Michael Patterson
WRAM-Station Manager
Media Career Group
Varsity Track
Fire Marshall Squad
Talent Show-Lighting Director

Dora Paul-Blanc
Tina Payne
Steve Pedersen
Varsity Baseball
David Pello

Michael Pellegrino
Lisa Penczak
Art Career Group
Media Career Group
S.C.S.
Sr. Class Council
Sean Pennell
Floyd Peters

Jennifer Phelan
July Pierre Louis
Ira Pincus
Sr. Class
Varsity Track
S.C.S.
Michael Pincus
Key Club

PUNKin pies. Dana Selig, Michelle Heinig, and Andrea Dresdale prefer not to conform with conservative dress.

Jill Pine
Varsity Tennis Team
Key Club
Yearbook-Staff

Amy Pitluk
N.H.S./F.L.H.S./M.A.T.
German Club President
Foreign Exchange Club
Yearbook-Staff

Noel Plasker
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Varsity Baseball
Ski Club

Sharon Platzman

Valerie Plesko
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Joseph Ponzoni
Key Club
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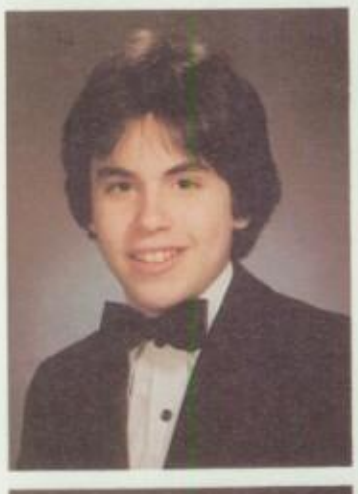

Jeffrey Posner
Spring Hill Youth Squad
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S.C.S.

Giovanni Presa

Anne Quinn
Key Club
Varsity Track
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Marc Rabinowitz
Key Club-Sergeant at Arms
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Lisa Ramirez
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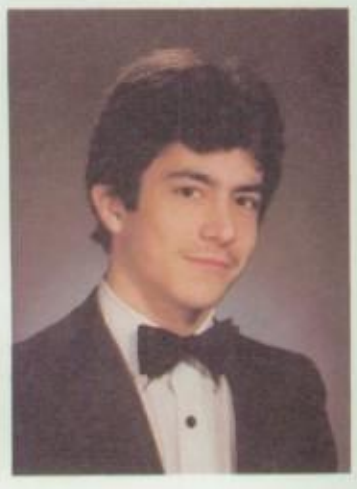
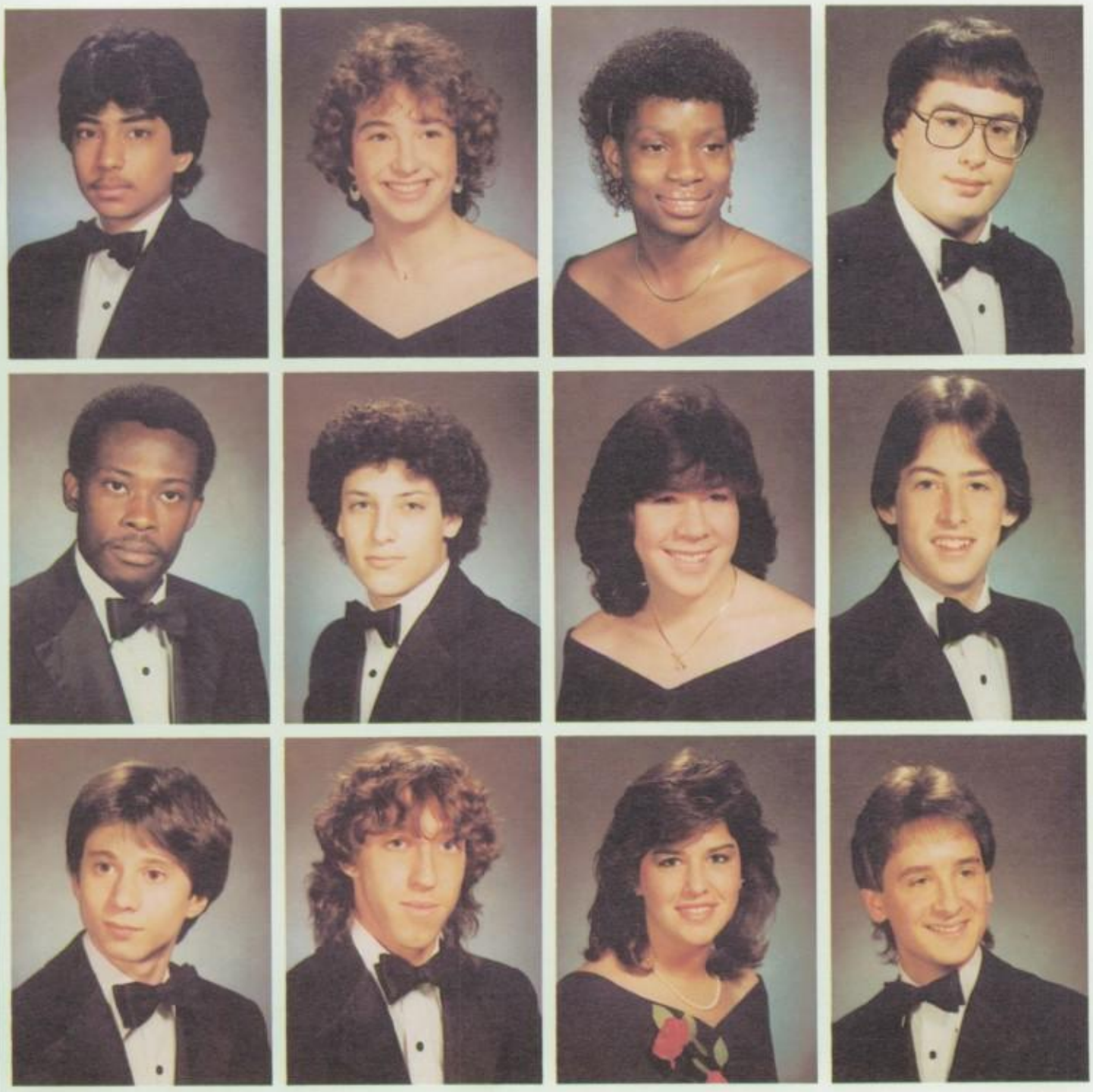
Thomas W. Ramsay
Varsity Wrestling
Key Club



Time To G

If you wanted to catch up on sleep, follow your favorite mid-day soaps, take yourself out to a leisurely lunch, take on a career apprenticeship, engage in community service work or be employed at a part-time job, then lockout was for you. Being able to leave school after sixth period gave seniors the time needed to do their own thing. On the whole, we as seniors used our time wisely. To gain access to this policy, we filled out an Early Dismissal request form via the guidance office. If we demonstrated that the time spent out of school would be beneficial to our educational, financial and mental growth, approval was given. A question that came to mind was, "Why the term 'lockout'?" In actuality, the participants were not locked out, but rather those students without early dismissal were locked in. Many seniors found this concept quite amusing. Lockout offered students the opportunity to use their full potential by providing extra time for studies as well as flexibility, energy and motivation for out of school activities.



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Varsity Basketball
Mitchell Reed
Varsity Foorball
Varsity Track
Varsity Basketball
Spring Musical-Stage Crew

Edward Regis
S.C.S
David Reicher
Rachel Rein
Yearbook-Underclass Editor
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Spanish Club-President
Marching Band
David Reiss

Howard Reiter
Computer Club
Eric Reils
Kimberly Rhodes
Ricky Ribeiro

Stage one. Larry Boxer and Robert Greenstein sigh with the relief of having finished school for the day.

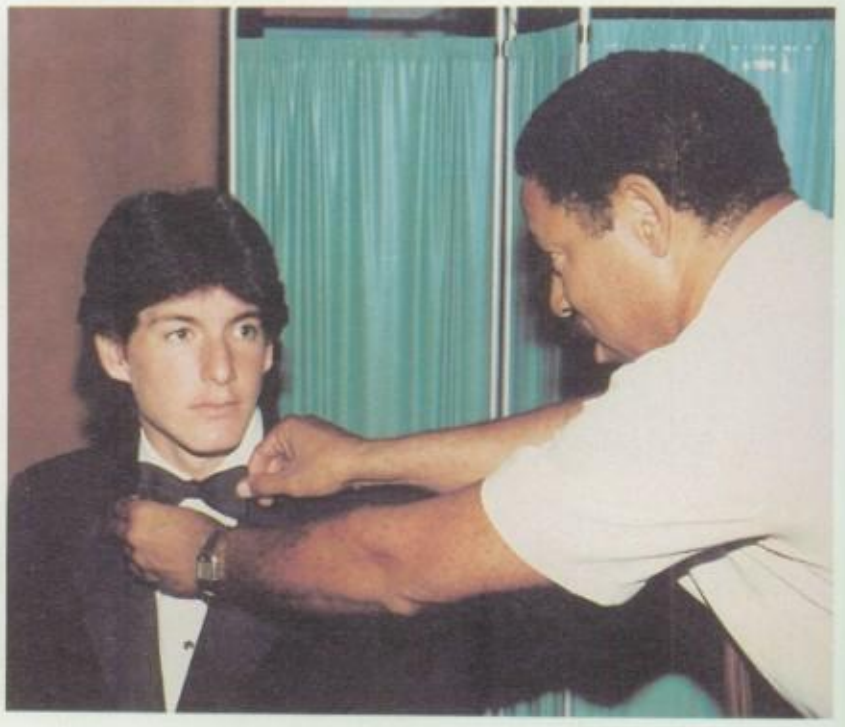
And they're off. Mark Belnick, John Guardino, and Marc Rabinowitz head on out of the school parking lot.

Where'd everybody go? By 1:30 almost all of Ramapo's seniors have departed.

Behind The Scenes

Did you ever notice that everyone looks good in their senior portraits? Well, you probably never realized the time and organization that goes into producing such quality photography. Mr. David Vaughn, a representative from Davis Studios in Mamaroneck, is responsible for the quality of these photos. With a touch of charm and infectuous sense of humor, Mr. Vaughn can transform any student's frown into a radiant smile. However, even the best photographer can not do everything! Students spent countless hours before their photography sessions in front of the mirror using hair dyrers and curling irons, and applying make-up to achieve that "perfect look." These factors account for the beauty and professionalism of the senior class photo section.

Beaming beauty. Under the spotlight, Allison Lurie bursts into a happy smile.



Looking spiffy. Zachary Berzon has his bow tie adjusted as he prepares for his senior portrait.

Sonia Riley

Barry Ritz
Varsity Football
Varsity Basketball
Key Club
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Hal Roberts
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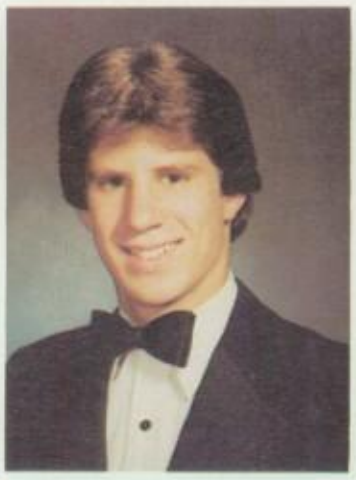
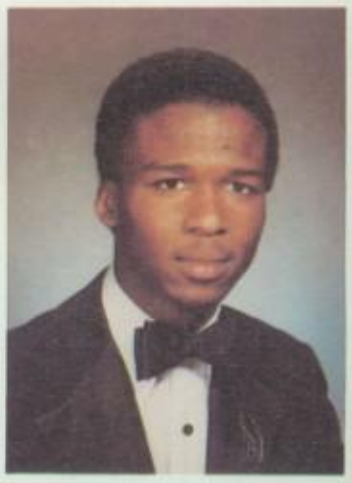
Varsity Tennis
Medical Career Group

Paul Rochester





Carol Rodriguez

Christopher Roloff
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Golf Team
German Club
Key Club

Jeffrey Romanick
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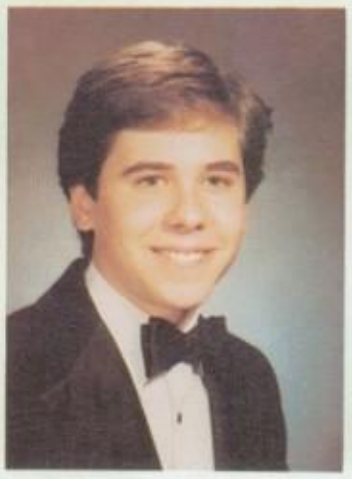
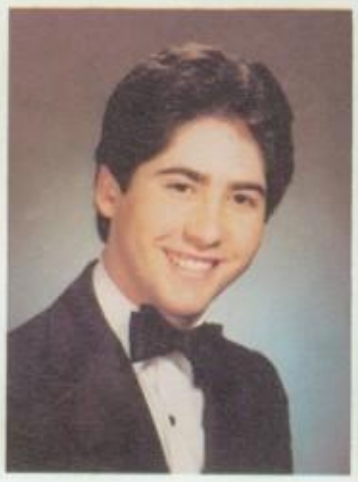
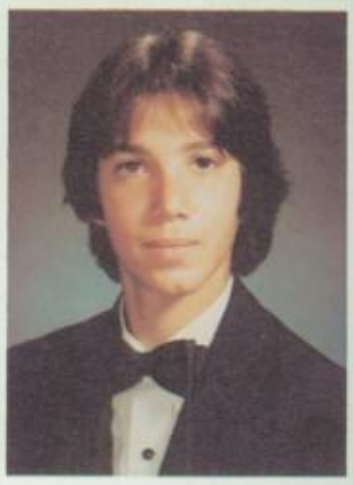
Media Career Group
Key Club

Cliff Rosen
N.H.S.
Marching Band
All-Area Band
Yearbook Staff







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Alfred Rosner
Medical Career Group

Nancy Roth
Varsity Tennis
Key Club
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Yearbook Staff

Jeff Rothman

Lynette Rowe
Fashion Career Group
Varsity Cheerleading
Varsity Track
Psychology Club

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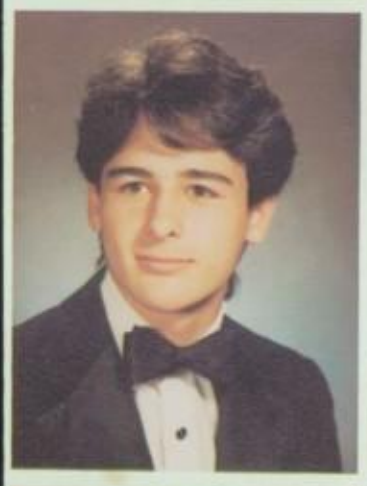
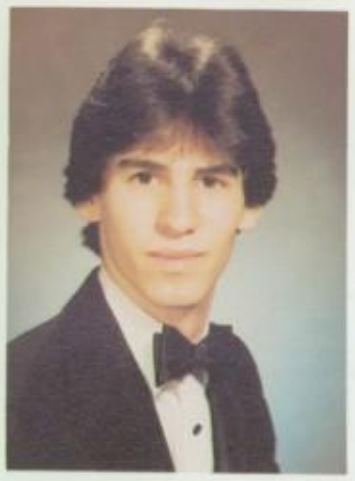
Varsity Basketball

Ran Rubinstein

Joselyn Ruiz
Fashion Career Group
Psychology Career Group
German Exchange Club





James Ryan
Key Club-Corresponding Secretary
Italian Club-President
Spring Musical-Pit Band
Jazz Band

Priscilla Saltzman
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Law Career Group-Treasurer
Mock Trial Team

Sheryle Salzman
J.V. Volleyball
Varsity Tennis Team
Business Career Group
Media Career Group

Gregory Sandberg
Talent Show
Spring Musical
Area All-State Chorus
Tri-Tone Jazz Chorus

Marc Sandler
Key Club
Media Club
Varsity Track Team
Foster Parents club

Barrie Sandlofer
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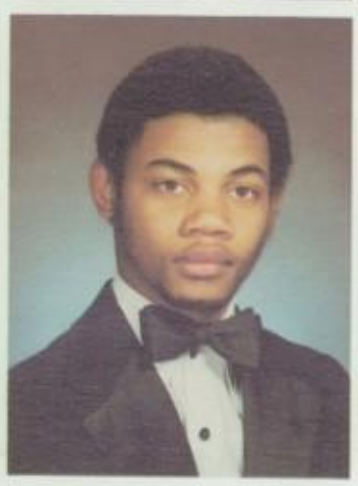
Joy Santos

Ron Sapere
B.O.C.E.S.



Debra A. Saunders
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Keith Scarlett
Varsity Football

Steven Schenfeld
N.H.S./F.L.H.S./M.A.T.
All-State Jazz Ensemble
Talent Show-Musical Director
Marching Band

Francois Scherer

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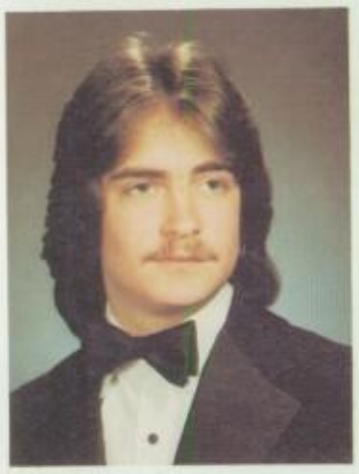
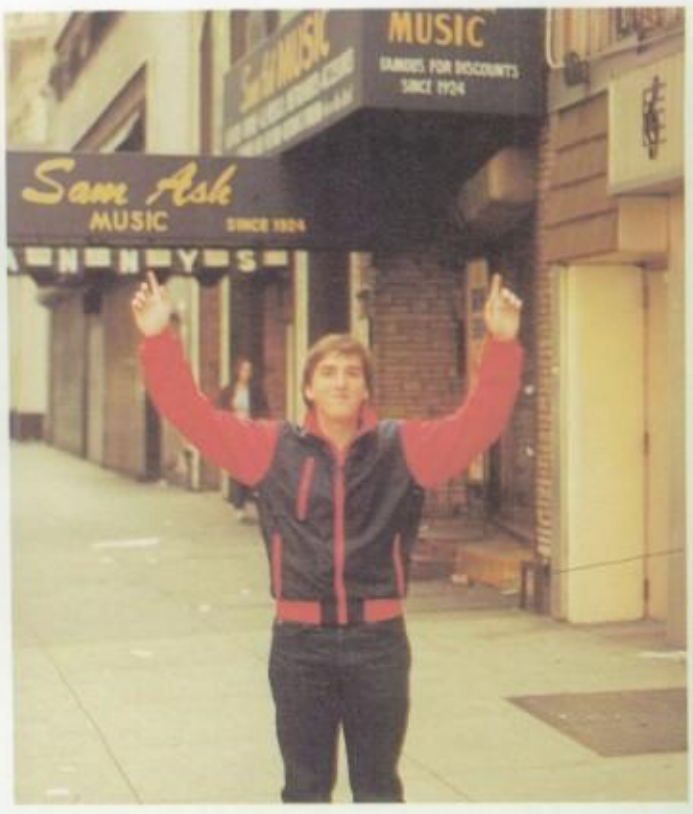
Eileen Schiela
F.L.H.S.
German Club
Key Club



William Schurr
N.H.S.
Key Club

David Schwartz
N.H.S.
Literary Magazine-Editor-in-Chief
Yearbook- Art/Layout Editor
J.V. Tennis



Leader of the band. Jazz pianist Steven Schenfeld enjoys listening to Chic Corea at his favorite music store.

Andriane Scudder
Afro-American Society

Christopher Scudder
Varsity Winter/Spring Track
Varsity Football

Kim Seitler
Dana Selig
Varsity Volleyball
Yearbook-Student Life Editor
Jr.-Vice President/Sr. Class Council
N.H.S.

Russ Seligman
N.H.S.
Jr./Sr. Class Council
Key Club
S.C.S./C.A.P.

Michael Seltzer
Walter Seltzer
N.H.S./M.A.T.
Spring Hill Youth Squad

Theodore Sevransky
N.H.S.
S.A.C.-President
Newspaper-Feature Editor
Media Career Group

Francis Shanley Jr.
Robin Shapiro
Key Club
Media Career Group
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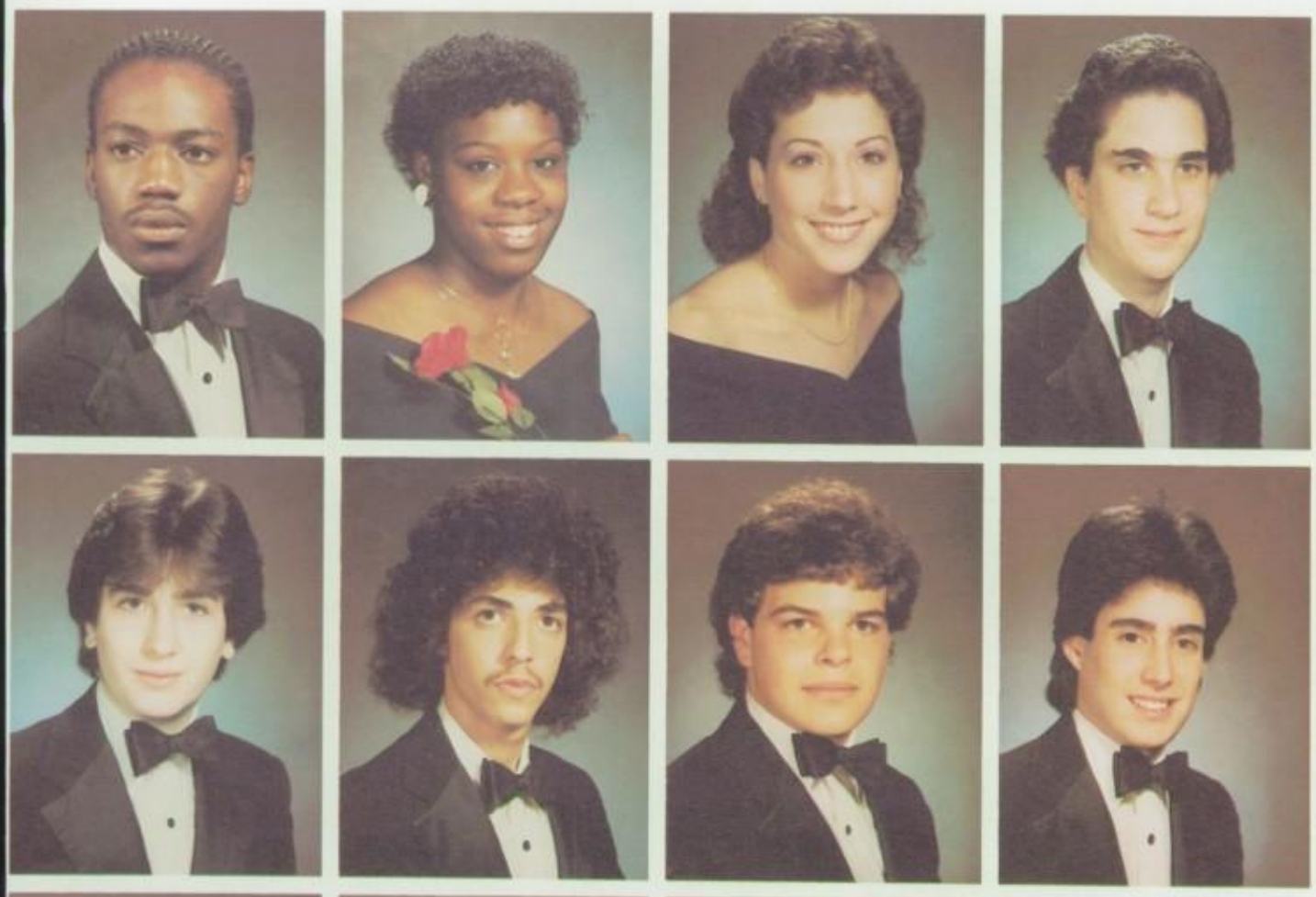
Steven Shapiro
Varsity Football
Key Club
J.V. Baseball

Andrew Sharf
Spring Hill Youth Squad-Vice President
Key Club



Connie Sharp
Varsity Wrestling
Varsity Track

Darlene Sheppard
Afro-American Society
B.O.C.E.S.

Amy Sherman
Media Career Group

Gary Sherman

David Shevlin
N.H.S./F.L.H.S./M.A.T.
Yearbook-Sports Editor
Jr./Sr. Class Council-Prom Chairman
Media Career Group-Treasurer

Jason Silver

Lewis Silverman
Varsity Football-Captain
Varsity Baseball

Bradley Simon
Varsity Track
Media Career Group
Key Club

Josh Simon
N.H.S./M.A.T.
Varsity Football
Varsity Swimming
Law Career Group

Rona Simon
F.L.H.S.
Varsity Swim Team
Key Club
Media Career Group

Susan Simon
Fire Marshall
Student Security

Cheryl Simpson
S.T.E.P.
Fashion Career Group

Karan Singh

Ian Sklaver
N.H.S./F.L.H.S./M.A.T.
Medical Career Group-President
Varsity Swim Team
Yearbook-Student Life Editor

John Slade
S.T.E.P.-President/Treasurer
Fashion Club
Afro-American Society
Youth Opportunity Program

Donald Slevin

Erik Slotnick
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Ski Club-President

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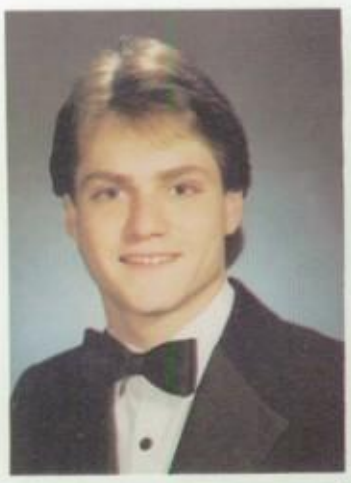
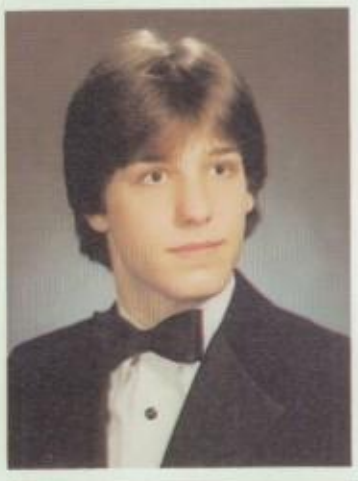


Michael Solney
Medical Career Group
Key Club

Loudes Soriano



Lee Southren
Varsity Tennis Team
Key Club

Stephen Staudigl
N.H.S./F.L.H.S./M.A.T.
German Club
Law Career Group
Key Club

Robyn Stebner
S.C.S.

Mark Steinberg
N.H.S./F.L.H.S./M.A.T.
Spring Musical-Pit Band
Math Team
Yearbook Staff

Gregory Stephens

Luke Sterbenz

Loren Stolarsky
N.H.S./F.L.H.S.
Spring Musical/Talent Show
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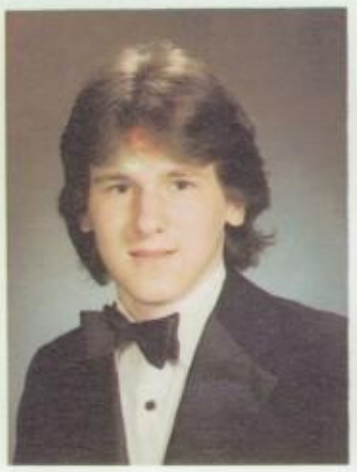
Todd Strier
Key Club
Debate Team
Law Career Group



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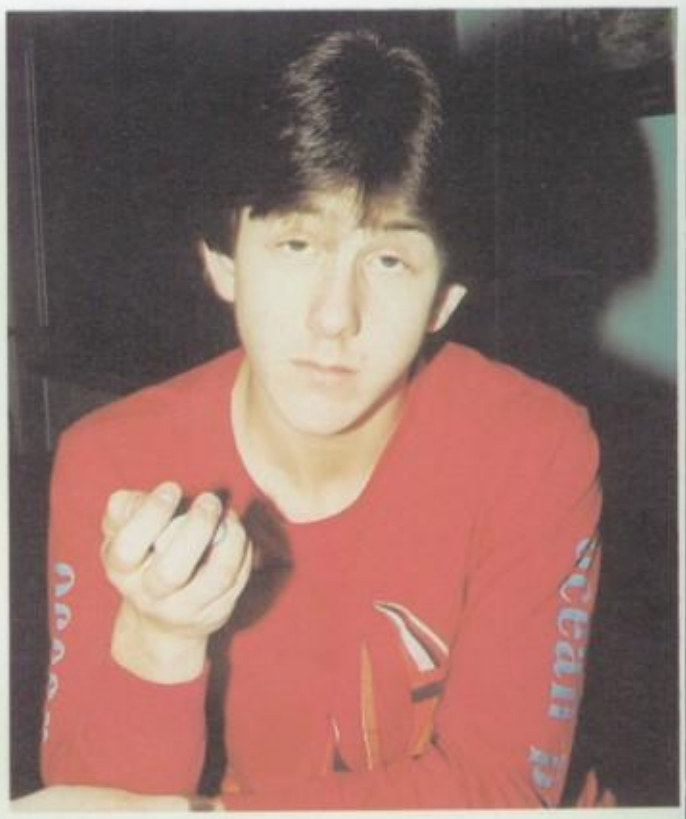
Yale or Harvard? A perplexed Brian Besterman ponders the response to his college essays.



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F.L.H.S.
Yearbook-Photography Editor
Medical Career Group-Secretary
Jr./Sr. Class Council
Maria Tablizo
Andrea Teisch
Kenneth Telvi
J.V. Soccer
Varsity Swim Team
Media Career Group

Does Anybody Out There Want Me?

How was the enormous student population sorted out and distributed among the colleges? Who slotted Johnny for SUNY Binghamton and Mary for Yale? Was it the college board? A computer? Names in a hat? Going to college is a great privilege, but getting there is not half the fun of being there. Inconsistency in selective admissions made it difficult to predict the chances of certain students and impossible to guarantee the admission of anyone. Your application may have been your ticket to admission or receipt from rejection. Although a student's transcript was engraved in stone, there was opportunity to show the real you through interviews, letters, essays and in the submission of portfolios or examples of creative work. Some applications required prospective students to write their own psychoanalysis, while others asked for less information than what was required on a driver's license. Most applications included general information questions, a brag-sheet (laundry list of students' experiences, extra-curriculars, and interests), essays, references and a transcript.

Application For Undergraduate Admission

Personal Data:
Legal name_____ Illegal name_____ Other _____
Home Address_____ Mailing Address_____ Temporary Address_____ Other _____
Possible major_____ Impossible major _____
Do you have any relatives, recent or remote ancestors who attended this school?_____
Please circle if your parents are: Divorced, Separated, Married, Remarried, Separated and considering divorce. Other _____
Please list all the places you've been since birth in the space provided (be specific)_____
Please enter code for field of interest_____

Field of interest codes:
999 Undecided with a propensity toward agriculture and biological engineering.
999 Undecided with a propensity toward applied economics and business management.
999 Strawberry Field.
999 Undecided.
When do you hope to graduate?_____
What would you have like to have gotten on the S.A.T.?_____ Achievements? _____
Teacher Evaluation:
Which of the following adjectives would you use to describe the candidate? (Circle one) Yes No

Essays (Choose one):
A. How do you think the existentialist feelings of the merchant class in Western Europe during the post-Rennaissance era led to the Tibetan Guru revolt of 1306?
B. $E=MC^2$ Prove Einstein incorrect in the space provided. _____

Please send tuition in advance along with application (cash only)

When tuition is received, part II of this application will be sent to you. Allow 6 to 8 months for delivery. Application deadline is January 1 for fall admission.

Financial Aid:
How many tax shelters does your family have? _____
Exactly how much money did your family spend last year? Please indicate a written account of all expenses since 1968 in the space provided. _____
Have you ever killed a bug with your bare hand?

Peter Termine
M.A.T.
Foster Parents Club-Vice President
Math Team

Elliot Terry

Wendy Thierman
Varsity Cheerleading-Captain
Key Club

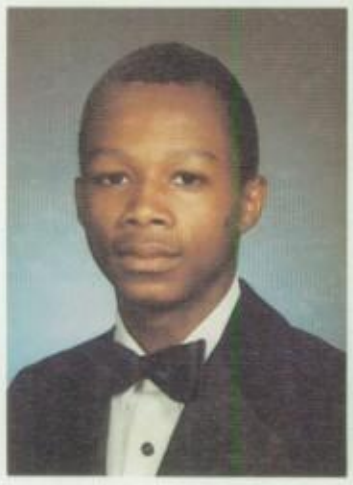
Kelvin Thomas
Varsity Track
J.V. Basketball
Afro-American Society

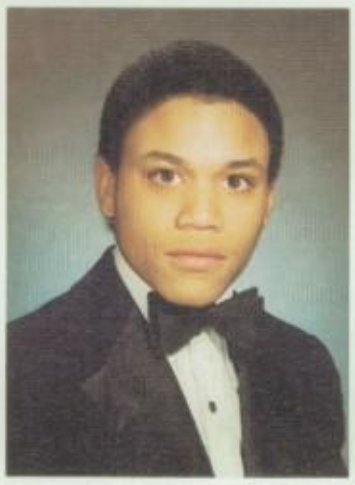
Ronnie Thomas
Varsity Basketball

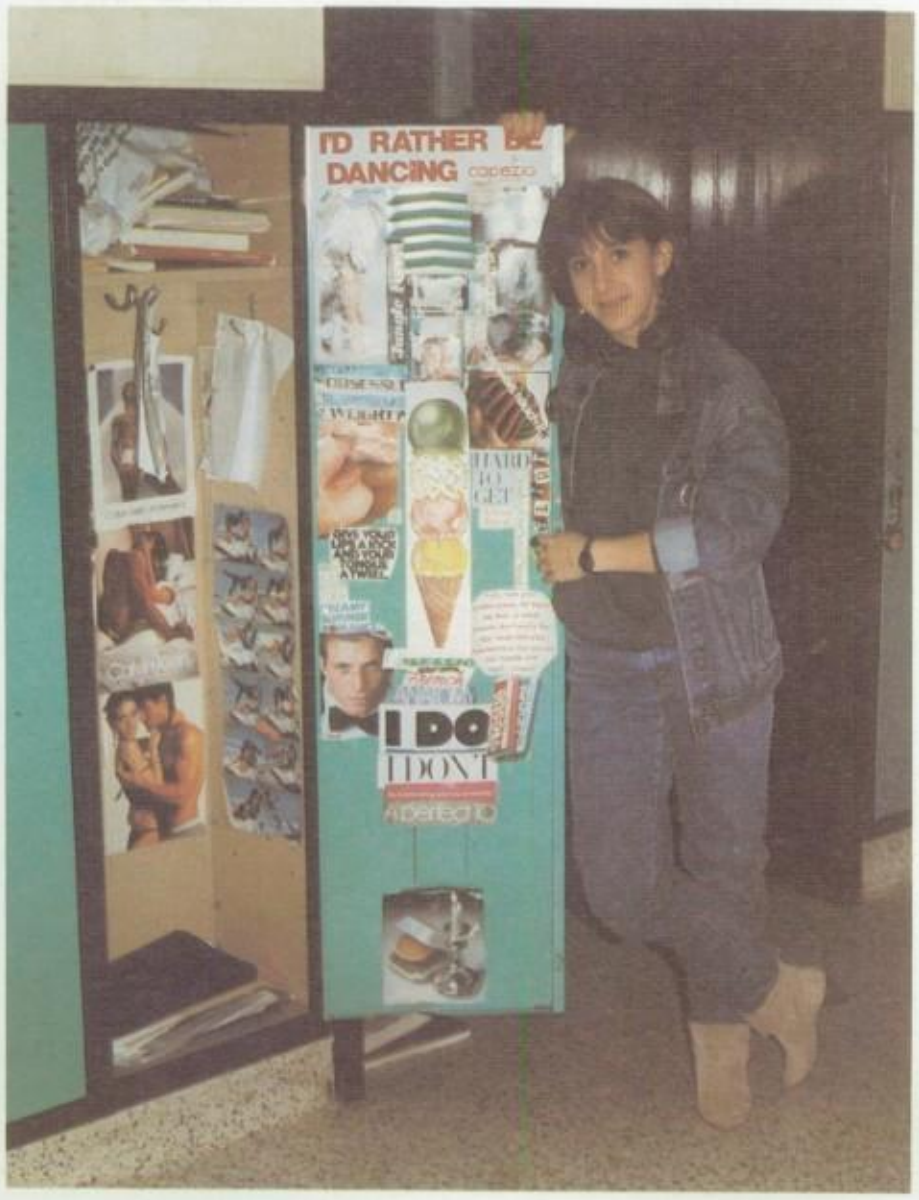
Allan Thompson

Allan Title
N.H.S.
Yearbook-Business Editor
Talent Show/Spring Musical
Music Club-President

JeanMarie Titus



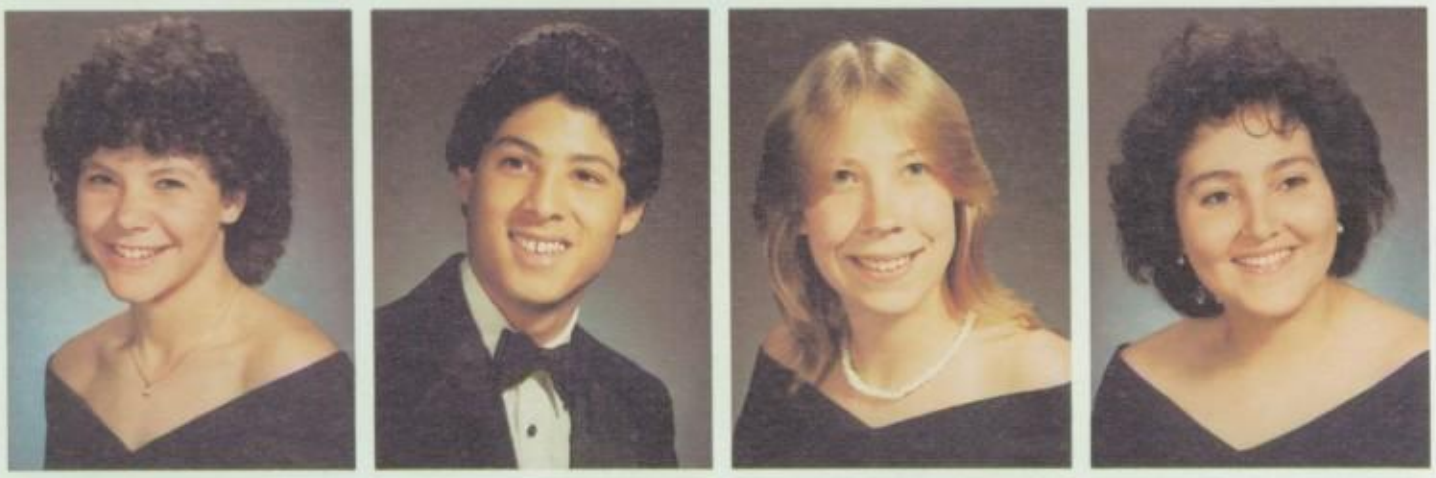




Locker Lunacy

Lockers can be thought of as apartments that the students rent from September until June. When we moved in along with textbooks and folders, we brought a part of ourselves. The cold metal boxes developed personality as they became extensions of our own rooms at home. The inside of our lockers expressed our talents in interior design. The decor ranged from traditional Early American to *avant garde* modern art, rock stars and magazine collages. The organization (or disorganization) of one's locker often reflected the state of one's mind. With a large enough locker, one could share it, study in it, furnish it and still have plenty of room to spare. The most desirable locations were in close proximity to the cafeteria and in the central portions of the main corridors on the second floor. These locations were often referred to as "Ramapo High(ts)." Although we only occupied our lockers for a short period of time, and the following year they were transformed to represent the personalities of their new inhabitants, without the small touches of home found in our lockers we could have never made it through the year.

Magazine madness. Scissor happy Loren Stolarsky loves to have gorgeous men greet her every time she opens her locker.



Cesar Toral
Shirley Toto
Fire Marshall Squad-President
S.C.S.
Alicia Tuck
Audrey Vasquez
Psychology Career Group-President
Marching Band
Media Career Group
S.C.S./C.A.P.

LisaAnn Veitinger
Varsity Softball
Key Club
Louis Velez
Jean Vessey
Elizabeth Vianna
Yearbook Staff

Neil Vitiello
Varsity Soccer
Jennifer Wallach
S.C.S
Key Club
Kevin Waltzer
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Tammy Warren
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Key Club
Yearbook Staff
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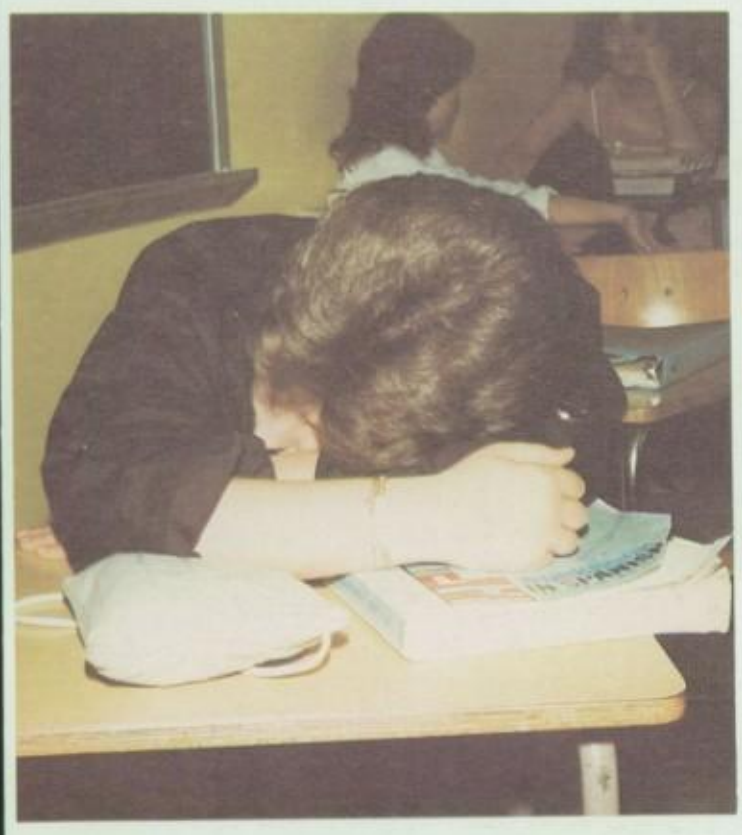
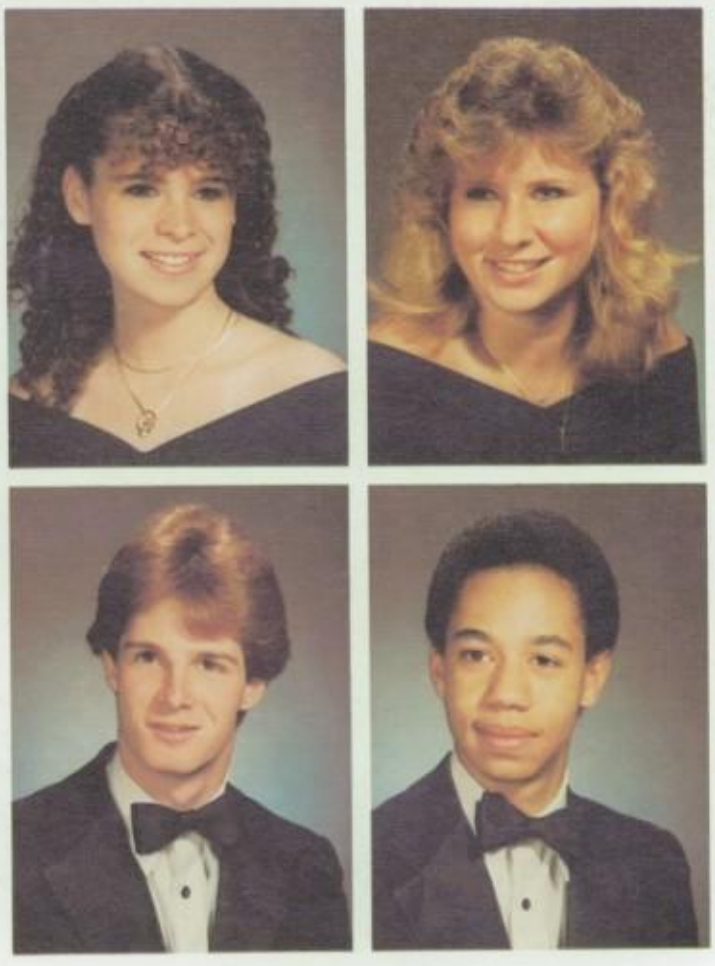


Sleeping beauty. Nadine Aronson dozes on her desk after a late night of studying.



Traci Warren
N.H.S.
Key Club
Stacey Warshaw
Varsity Swimming
J.V. Volleyball
Key Club
Yearbook Staff

Robert S. Weber
Talent Show
Spring Musical
Christopher Webster

Barry Weinberger
N.H.S.
Sr. Class Council-President
S.A.C.-Recording Secretary
Academic League

Lori Weinberger
Key Club
S.C.S.

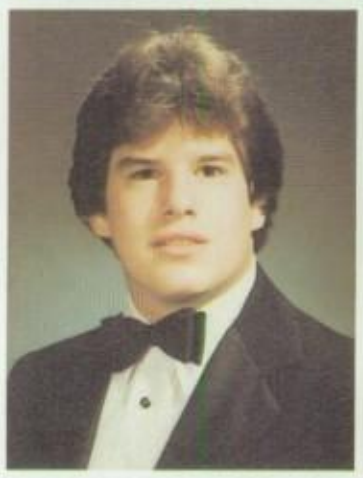
Sing us a song. All devoted Billy Joel fans own extensive paraphenalia.

David Weiner
Media Career Group

Barrie Weinhaus
Art Career Group-President
Key Club
Psychology Career Group
S.C.S./C.A.P.

Bradley Weinstein
N.H.S.
Varsity Baseball

Helena Weinstein
J.V. Volleyball
Yearbook Staff
S.C.S.
Varsity Swim Team

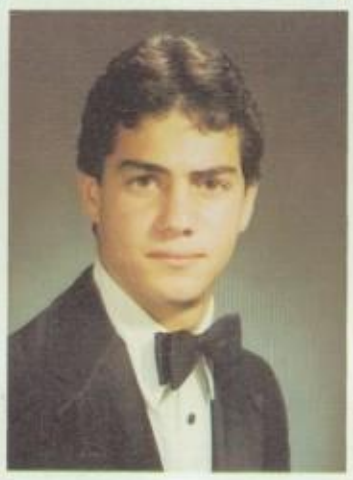


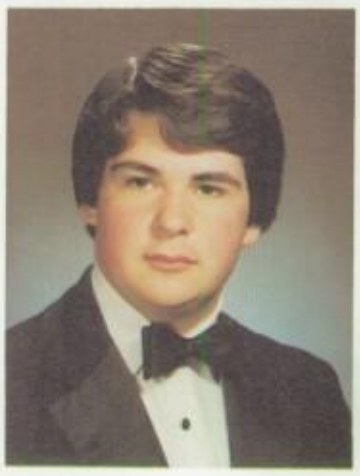
Philip Weisberg
N.H.S./F.L.H.S./M.A.T.
Computer Club-President
S.A.C.
Media Career Group

Mark Weissman
N.H.S.
Varsity Swim Team
Varsity Tennis Team

Michelle S. Weitzenkorn
Marching Band
S.A.C.

Mervinie Wellington
Afro-American Society



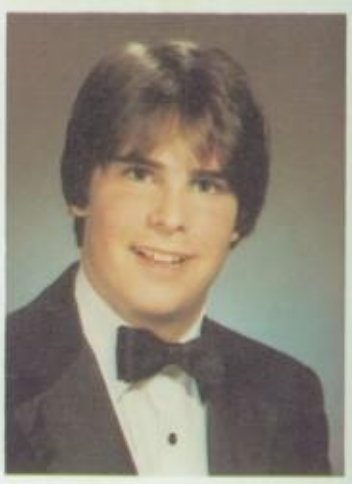


Thomas Whelan

Andrew White
Fire Marshall Squad
Varsity Football
Varsity Basketball
Varsity Track

Shawn White
Varsity Basketball

Howard Wilen
Varsity Tennis
Key Club



Fredrick Williams Jr.
Afro-American Society
Renee Wilsey
Robert Wiseltier
Key Club
Computer Club
Stacey Wolf
N.H.S.
Varsity Soccer
Yearbook-Copy Editor
Jr./Sr. Class Council

Gina Wolfe
S.C.S.
Manny Wolfe
N.H.S.
Laura Wolff
Fashion Career Group
S.C.S./C.A.P.
Gryphonettes
Evan Wolk
Spring Hill Youth Squad
Law Career Group
Foster Parents Club

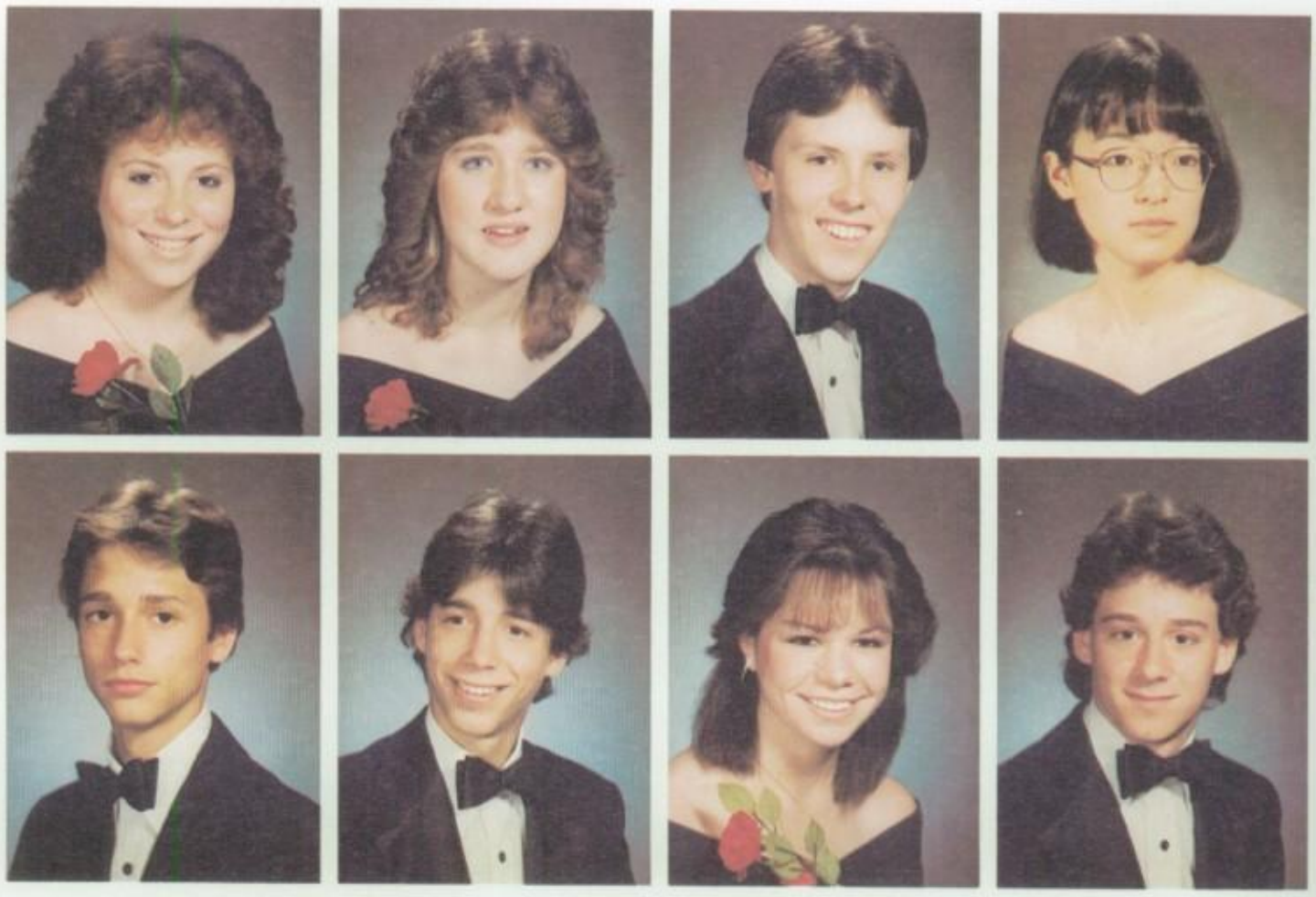
Come Rain Or Come Shine

"Winter, spring, summer or fall,
All you have to do is call,
And I'll be there, yes I will."

Carol King

Friendships are a part of life which transcend the artificial delineations of our lives such as the transfer from high school students to high school graduates. Often, friendship helps us to discover aspects of our own personalities, helps us through times of stress, or aids in general enjoyment of our day to day lives. Sharing, cooperation, understanding and communication are crucial parts of any friendship which helps make it such an important part of our lives. Any friendship goes through stages as two people grow to know each other, much as nature matures, passing through each season of the year. The spring of a friendship starts at an introduction, be it formal, informal, or maybe even accidental. Awkward beginnings often develop into intimate friendships. However a friendship may have begun, it will always be an important one. In the summer of any friendship, separation or stressful situations may test the bond between people. It is during this time that memories are made, and good times are cherished. When we reflect on our high school years, it is during this season of friendship that we remember. Autumn is a time of transition, preparation and underastanding. In the cold of winter, we have our friends to keep us warm. We have been through a lot and soon we will be separated by time and distance. By reminiscing and reflection, we become closer than ever.

Carside chat. Seniors Emily Berger, Sheryle Salzman, and Debbie Ganz share a moment before saying goodbye for the day.



Frann Wolk
Media Career Group
Key Club

Jill Worner
S.C.S./C.A.P.
Varsity Tennis
Fauna Career Group

Tim Wren
Key Club

Yasuko Yamagishi

Christopher Yany

Craig Yany

Kelly Yeck

Peter Young
N.H.S./F.L.H.S./M.A.T.-Secretary
Varsity Tennis
S.C.S./C.A.P.
Spring Musical-Pit Band/Marching Band

If We Could Save Time In A Bottle

At the close of our senior year, we had to say goodbye to many things that meant so much to us. It is hard to simply leave our past. There were so many memories and feelings we wanted to take with us. If we could just preserve these thoughts, retaining how we felt the day we left high school! If we were to make a memory glass, giving each of our emotions and memories a symbolic, tangible object, we could carry these ideals with us always.

Graduation tassle: Although tassles are usually found hanging from rear view mirrors, they are far more significant than adding a decorative touch to our car interiors. A tassle earned at Ramapo graduation represented a genuine accomplishment. It signified the transition from high school senior to high school graduate, with the simple gesture of

Andrew Yu
N.H.S/M.A.T.
Varsity Football
Key Club

Lee R. Zaretzky
Key Club- President
School Store- Treasurer
Yearbook- Staff
German Exchange Club

Stacy Zarnet
Key Club
S.C.S./C.A.P.
Media Career Group
Spring Musical

John Zecca
N.H.S.
S.A.C.- Secretary
Law Career Group
Sr. Class Council

Andrea Zeeman
F.L.H.S.
Foreign Exchange Club
S.C.S./C .A.P.
Spanish Lit. Club

Jill Zimmerman
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Varsity Cheerleading
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Key Club

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switching the side on which the tassle lay on our caps.

Pencil: A fundamental tool in the development of our education, the pencil was necessary to communicate our ideas. Ideas were formed, first in mind, then on paper, utilizing the indispensable pencil. It has always been the instrument of problem solvers, thinkers, philosophers, and Ramapo students. The pencil is a symbol that encompassed the entire educational process.

School ring: School rings, which brought unity to the student body, were a source of pride in Ramapo High School and lifted school spirits. The more personalized a ring was, the greater its sentimental value.

Chalk: Our experience in classes since elementary levels to A.P. courses, has revolved around the blackboard. A most familiar sight to students of any age was chalk. The familiar tapping of chalk on a blackboard is something we'll remember and shall remind us of teachers, concepts, and our educational experiences.

Forceps: The sciences were an important part of our educational development. They taught us how to think rationally; a quality essential for survival. Logic is not an innate ability; it must be learned. The sciences gave us the capability to conhesively convey our thoughts.

Paintbrush: The Arts represents another aspect of our education. By adding cultural and creative qualities to our personalities, the Arts made us more sophisticated in our thinking. We became more appreciative of the world around us. Our imaginations flourished, preventing us from becoming cold, calculating machines.

Varsity letter: Physical development is of equal importance to intellectual growth. The Varsity letter was recognition of higher echelons of athletics in which strength and vitality dominate.

Ticket stub: We leave Ramapo with good memories of the time we spent with our friends. We went to movies, concerts, and plays, but most of all, we enjoyed each others company. It was the social involvement of students that kept morale high and good times rolling. If we are ever feeling down, it is the recall of these times that will make us smile again. The euphoria felt among friends shall not fade with time.

Key: Not only did a key open our lockers and start our cars, but opened the door to our futures. The assets gained while at Ramapo, we had acquired full potential to be the masters of our lives.

Graduation signified an end to our years at Ramapo. We walked towards our futures, confident and secure with all that we had gained thus far. However, this was just the first step of many. There will be other hurdles to overcome in life. Our experiences at Ramapo gave us added motivation for the future.

In Memory of
Susan Carol Saltzman

Nothing Gold Can Stay

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.

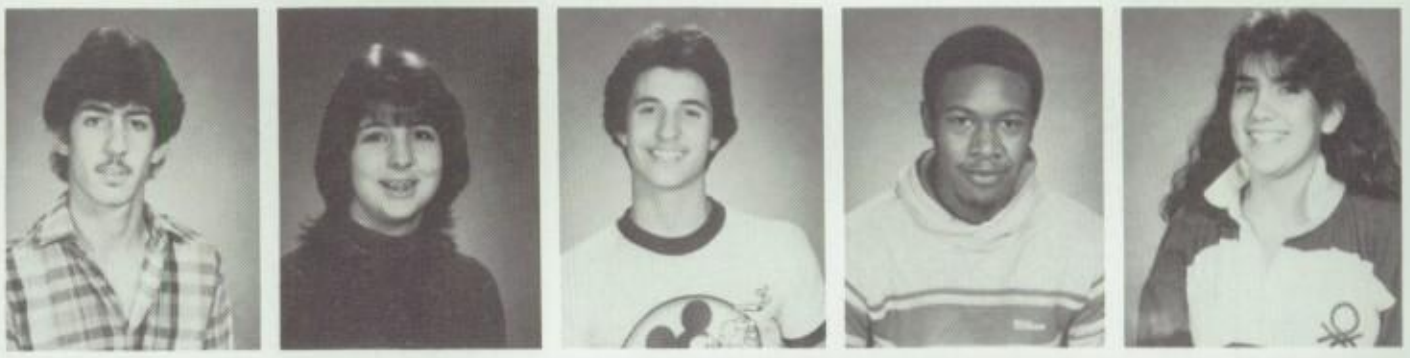
-Robert Frost

Juniors

Starting at the top. Suzannah Ohring looks mildly amused as she examines Harvard's average S.A.T. score.

Antonia Abellanosa
Mark Achille
Scott Adams
Andrea Adler
Suzanne Adoff

John Aiello
Jacqueline Albano
Albert Alexander
Cedric Alston
Stacy Altman



Donna Ameruoso
Sharon Anzalone
Charles Armand
Sharon Astrowsky
Ursula August

Andrew Backman
Ethan Balogh
Cassandra Baptist
Esthere Baptiste
Jon Barchuk

Kyle Barich
Danille Basquil
Michele Bass
Martha Bellanton
Seth Berk

Sheryl Berkis
Audra Berland
Raymand Berly
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Jeff Berns

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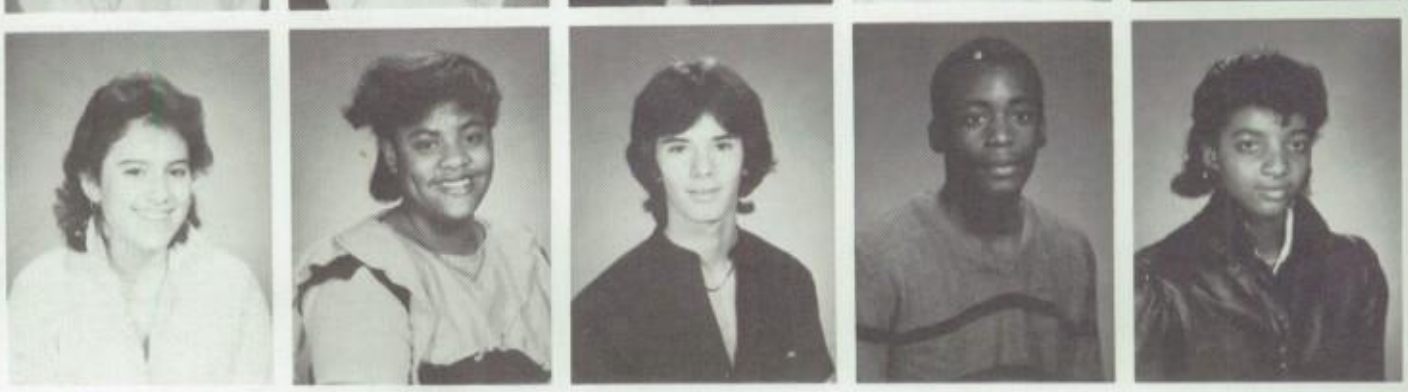
Michael Better
Eric Bibbins
Melissa Black



Waking up is hard to do. Junior Marisa Jackson crawls out of the deep dark realms of her blankets, reluctantly shutting off her alarm clock with early morning grogginess. However, she finds comfort in the knowledge that she is about to face the challenges of a brand new day.

Wake Me Up Before You Go Go

The morning was cold, dark and dreary. You could have been anywhere: Siberia, a black hole. It seemed as though you were getting ready for school in the middle of the night. The contrast between a Junior High School morning and a Ramapo morning was overwhelming. Awakening into a darkness that made one think he had lost his sight took some adjustment. Torn from the warm cozy cacoon of your bed, you were forced to battle the elements of darkness, deafening alarms and glacial bathroom floors. This could be considered an act of martyrdom. In actuality, there was no record of a Ramapo student who died from getting up before the crack of dawn, but there were rumors. Early rising did have its advantages. According to Thoreau, morning is the time when you are most intellectually awake. "To him whose elastic and vigorous thought keeps pace with the sun, the day is a perpetual morning."

Robin Blecher
Paul Bliefernich
Andrew Bloch
Jennifer Blumenfeld
Amy Blumenthal

Deborah Blumenthal
Suzanna Blumenthal
Andrew Booth
Geraldine Boursiquoit
Adeline Boutin

Jeanne Brasile
David Brenington
Doreen Brettner
Jonathan Brown
Diane Brustein

Nadeen Buchalter
Godfery Bullock
Sharman Bullock
Angela Bunn
Robert Burley

Nancy Burton
Leslie Buxbaum
Joel Caducio
Joyce Calabrese
Robert Carro

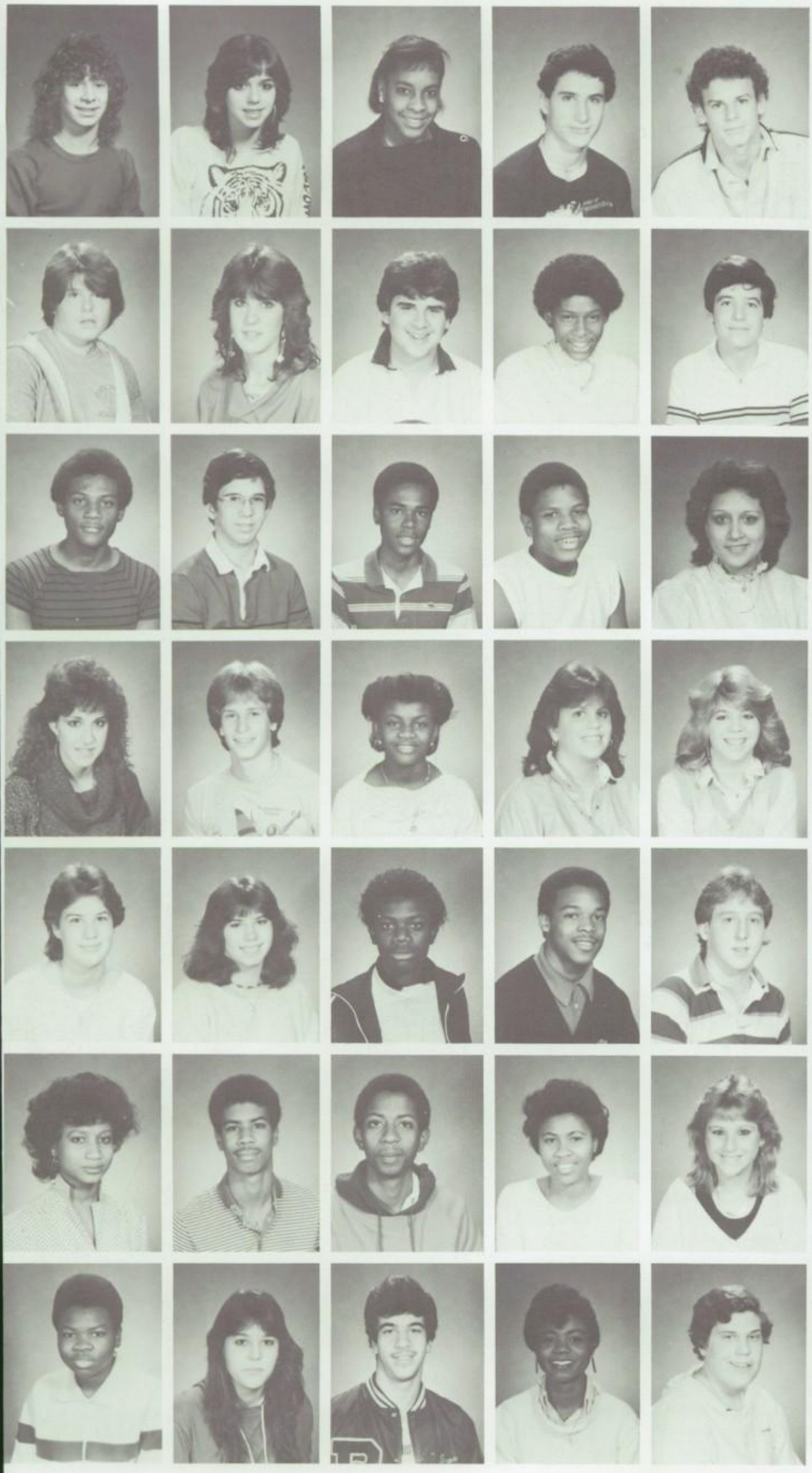
David Castor
Robert Castro
Yun Chao
Cara Cherny
John Chiavelli

Christine Cilluffo
John Cochran
Elissa Cohen
Jodi Cohen
Jodi Cohen

Natural Phenomena

There are many puzzling occurrences to be found in the halls of Ramapo from day to day. Many of these have no factual explanation, except for a quirk of nature. For example, the difference between the way boys and girls choose to carry their books. Boys carry their books against their waists, using one arm to support them. Girls clutch their books close to their chests, using both arms. This phenomena is consistent through most of the student population, with only a rare few deviating from the common standard. There is no apparent significance to this feat, apparently it is an inborn genetic instinct. Only years of careful research and the use of human experiments will reveal the truth. For now, it remains an unsolved mystery confronting mankind.

Carried away. Jon Colton and Richard Lyman wonder why Alison Marcus carries her books differently than they do.



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Giselle Collazo
Judith Collins
Jonathan Colton
Christopher Conklin

John Conklin
Shannon Conroy
Evan Cowit
Alicia Cox
Jeffrey Craven

Kevin Crockett
Louis Culot
Edner Cuvilly
Jason Davis
Michele DeGroat

Lori Delbiondo
Brendan DePaola
Alessa Desjardins
Randi Deutsch
Dawn Dezan

Jacqueline Digiovanni
Maria Digiovanni
Steven Dixon
Anthony Donelson
Bryan Dorf

Myrlande Dorisme
Jean Dorsainville
Antonio Doublette
Martha Duroseau
Jill Dworkis

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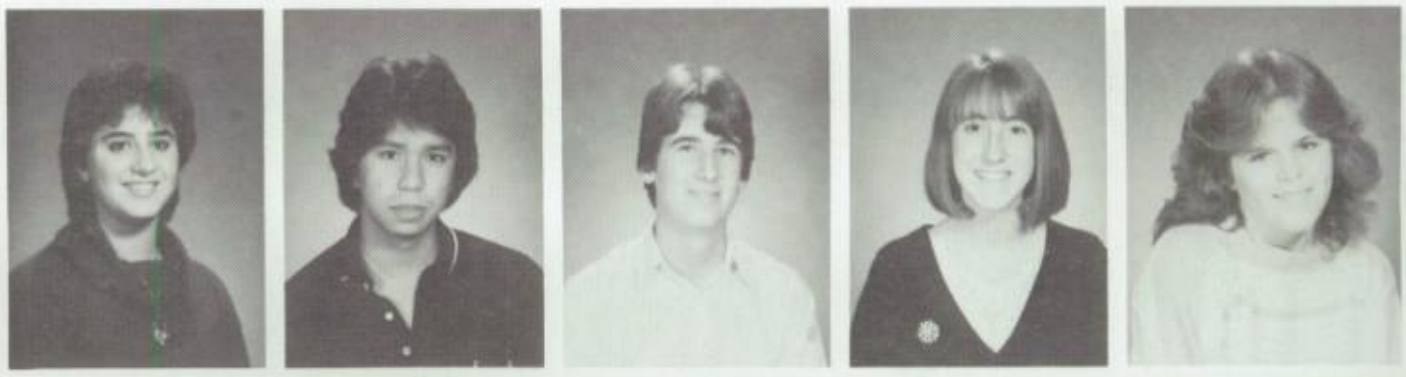


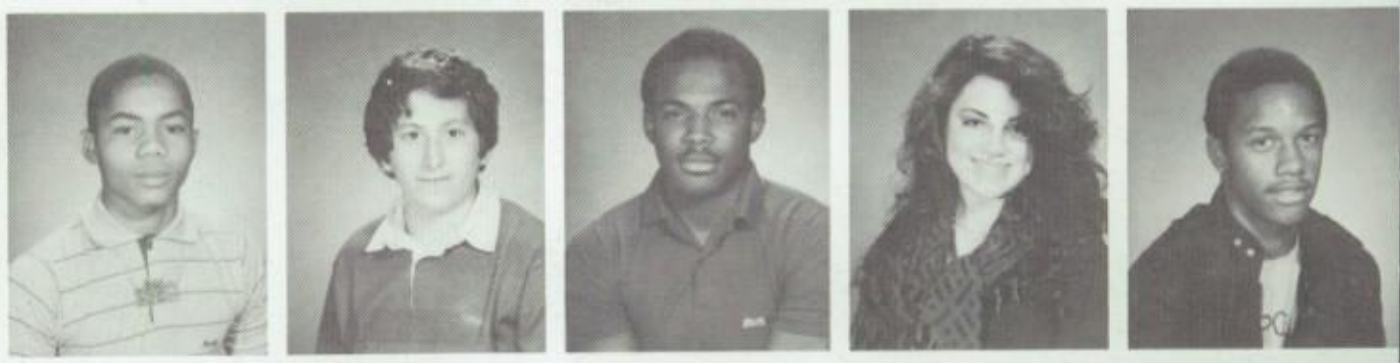
Lisa Fishman
Jonathan Flaum
Michael Flink
Zelda Floyd
Stephen Flynn

Jennifer Forrester
Cipriano Francisco
Claude Francois
Michael Frank
David Freedman

Teresa Freeman
Jodi Friedman
Stephanie Friedman
Barry Fruchter
Gregory Frullaney

Joseph Fuld
Richard Galante
Spencer Garrett
Susan Gentile
Ann Geoghan

Richard Geohaghan
Scott Gerhardt
Claudel Germain
Leslie Gerstenfeld
Ross Giles



Andrea Glassberg
Kara Glickman
Alicia Godsberg
Sharon Goldberg
Chris Goldblatt

Jodi Golden
Stacey Goldfaden
Seth Goldfarb
Adam Goldfein
Eric Goldstein

Antonio Gonzalez
Marc Goodman
Fran Goodwin
David Gotbeter
Terri Gottlieb

Michael Grande
Leslie Grau
Cindy Greenberg
Jonathan Greenberg
Gary Greenstein

Gary Greenstein
Gary Grenyton
Wendy Grill
Jonathan Gubits
Sherri Gulker

You've got a friend. Juniors Jennifer Naparstek and Dana Weiner enjoy each other's company on the front steps of the school.

Tamara Gyori
Neil Haas

Gordon Haber
Robert Haber

Alan Hahn
Michael Halfon

Pretty Scary Aptitude Tests

All juniors in quest of higher education were encouraged to take the P.S.A.T. This practice scholastic aptitude test was intended to give students an indication of future board scores. Students receiving the top scores in the school became eligible for a National Merit Scholarship. The money from the scholarship could be used to help pay for their college education. Ramapo High School is renowned for having the highest number of National Merit Scholarship winners in the state. Among Ramapo students, there was a particularly ambitious striving for commendable scores. In studying for the test, students resorted to various measures. Many took S.A.T. preparation courses outside of school and some students could be found trying to memorize the dictionary. Many juniors began studying far in advance and some the night before. As part of intensive S.A.T. training, some students attempted to learn every math concept there ever was and attended Stanley Kaplan seven days a week. Soon, a common conversation became a prosaic confabulation and what used to be eating in the lunchroom became gormandizing in the trattoria. A combination of natural intelligence and dilligent preparation often resulted in excellent scores.

Got them P.S.A.T. blues. P.S.A.T. pressure finally descends upon junior Sheryl Berkis.

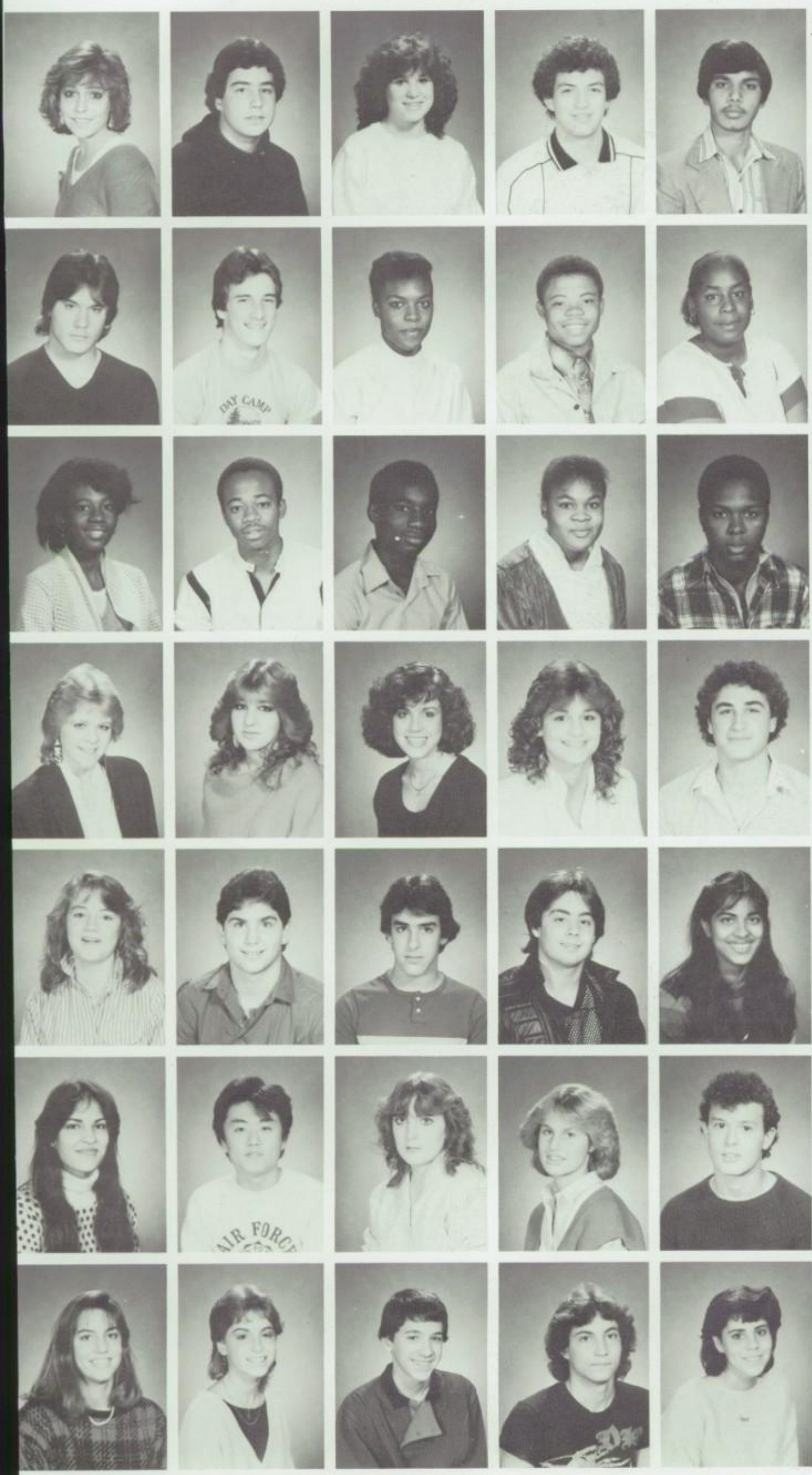
Endless preparation. Juniors had an infinite number of sources from which to choose for the P.S.A.T. studies.

This one little test caused much anxiety for some, displays of neurotic behavior and compulsive actions became common and more frequent. The only cure for this syndrome was to take the test. Miraculously that Saturday afternoon after completion of the test, all the above symptoms disappeared. However, the relief was only temporary. It only lasted until the student remembered that this was only the practice test. Another six months of worrying lay ahead. Despite the emotional impact these tests had on students' psyche, they provided valuable information as to relative success on the official S.A.T.

Gregory Hallerman
Denise Hannon
Andrew Hauptman
Lauren Hauptman
Andrea Hecht

Robert Hecht
Joseph Heller
Tracy Henderson
Vicky Henry
Rodney Hernandez

Paul Hervelt
Willie Holloway
Lewis Hood
Dylan Hopkins
Richard Irving



Gillian Isaacs
Scott Isabelle
Marisa Jackson
Michael Jacobson
Adrian Jafri

Ian Jarcho
Ronald Jason
Dunia Jean-Baptiste
Gary Jean-Baptiste
Joey Jenkins

Fadia Joseph
Fedner Joseph
Horel Joseph
Michelle Joubert
Serge Julmis

Claudia Jung
Stacy Kahn
Michelle Kalman
Jeril Kaplan
Scott Kaplan

Sabina Katz
Scott Kay
Jason Kellerman
Robert Kessler
Sabeena Khan

Zarin Khan
Sam Kim
Marianne King
Dale Klein
David Klein

Stefanie Klein
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Melisa Kramer

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Marley Laboriel
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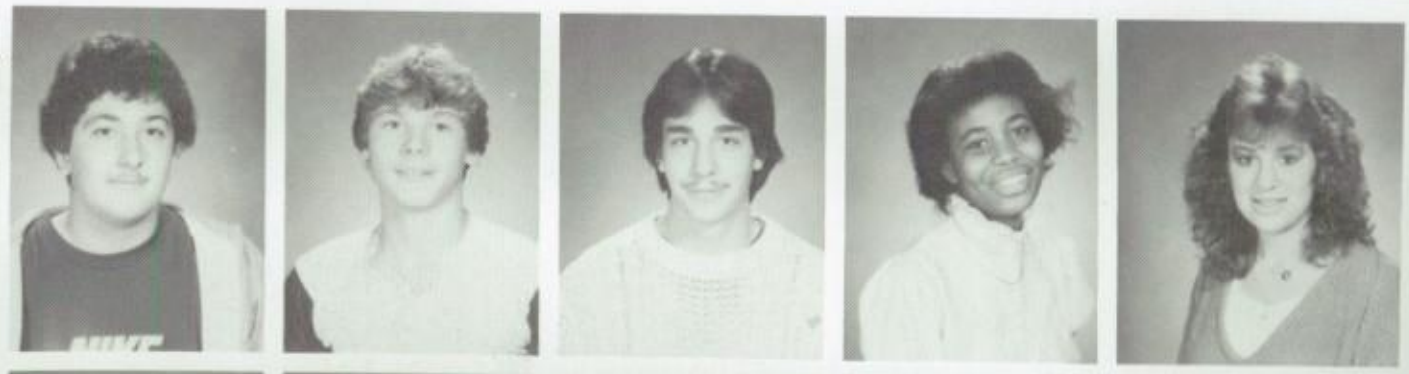

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Marc Landsman

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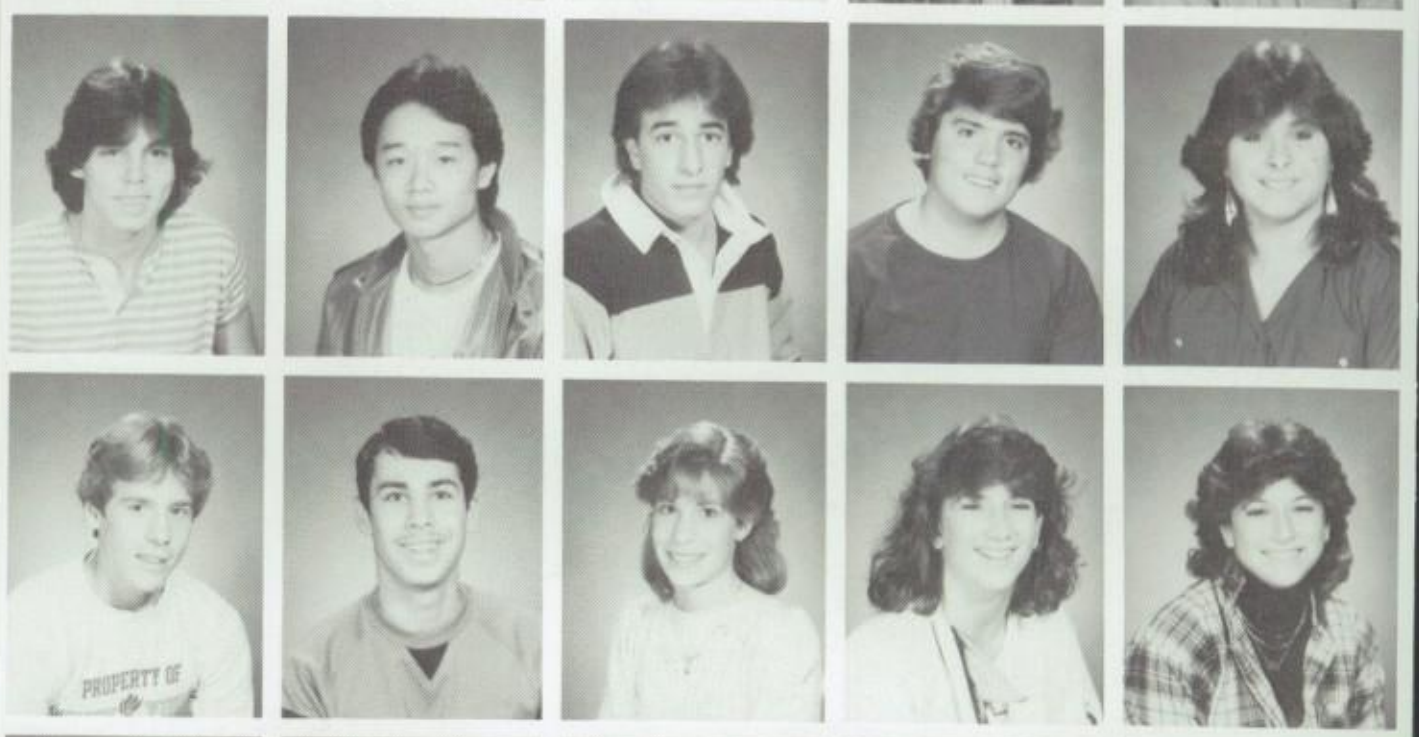
Kevin Lee
Ilene Lehon



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Marni Levenson
Alison Levine
Ellen Levine

Michelle Levine
Debra Levins
Michelle Levy
Robyn Levy
Andrew Lewis

Gregory Lewis
Jodi Lichtbach
Sharon Lichtenstein
Lori Lieberman
Lee Lipins

Melanie Litwin
Eric Loeb
Celeste Lombardi
Peter Loring
Eamonn Loughman

Kettly Louis-Charles
Rachel Luftig
Richard Lyman
Allison Marcus
Wayne Margolin

Marc Marin
Michael Maroff
Fernando Marquez
Shawn Marshall
Sandra Mastomarino

James Mather
David Mathios
Jodi Matz
Philip Mazen
Joann McDole

D.J. Scott. Preparing for a career in radio broadcasting junior Scott Gerhardt runs the WRAM radio station for a half-hour each day.

On The Air

Somewhere on the a.m. dial, WRAM was broadcasting live from our school. The station, which opened in November of 1983, was used as a learning device for the students in the radio production class and media career group. The best teacher is first hand experience, and students at Ramapo had this opportunity to gain it.

Although supervised, the station was essentially run by the students who acted as engineers, station managers, producers, advertisers, disc jockeys, and newscasters. Programs ranged from music theme shows to dramatic serials; from soap opera updates to news updates.

The most popular programs were those involving music. Those students acting as D.J.'s tried to form a particular image and then convey it to the listening audience. They would then search through their records and choose those that were not heard frequently and could be most enjoyed. Several faculty members were given a chance to play their favorite tunes, and had their own turn at the turntables. Although many of the shows were about music, they varied in their theme. Different programs dealt with different periods in music, ranging from classical to pop music, depending upon the D.J.'s personal preference.

The station's "prime time" was in the morning before first period when the station could be heard in the classrooms and hallways for all of Ramapo to enjoy. As students got off the bus or out of their cars, the tunes of WRAM could be heard on the busport also. Music in the morning changed the entire mood of the school. Early morning blahs were remedied when uplifting tunes of rock, jazz, or pop were pumped through the P.A. system.

Ramapo's radiostation provided students with the unusual opportunity to gain experience in the media arts. Doors to many careers in radio broadcasting could be opened. Exploring their options, Ramapo students discovered new aspects of the broadcasting field for possible future careers. Of the students involved, some had other than career goals in mind. Working on the radio station also happened to be a lot of fun. The radio was something that had had to do with all of our lives. It is no wonder that the Ramapo DJ's had such pride in WRAM.

For those students who participated, the experience was both enjoyable and informative. They had a chance to practice their developing radio skills in the perfect atmosphere. Their enthusiasm was unsurpassed; their newly gained knowledge extremely valuable.

Seth McDougal
Charles McGlee
Karlene McKenzie

Michele Meda
Rhonda Mednick
Ingrid Mellemstrand

Neal Meltzer
Joan Merkin
Thomas Mesk

Julianne Messer
Tracy Millan
Michael Mondello
Janet Montalvo
Mona Morency

Monique Morency
Louis Moreno
Lloyd Morgenstein
Dana Morell
Harold Moss

Robin Murphy
Jennifer Naparstek
Debbie Negroni
Beth Nelson
Emilie Neptune

Alan Newman
Thao Nguyen
David Nissenbaum
Patricia O'Brien
Suzannah Ohring

Stretchin' out. Kelly Stein enjoys exercising during her seventh period dance class.

Alisa Outerbridge
Michael Owen
Michelle Paikin
Spencer Parris
Christine Pascarella

Tina Patel
Gerald Paul
Rhonda Payne
Benjamin Payson
Andrea Pearlman

Sharon Pellis
Chandara Penn
Beth Pensky
Farah Petion
Angela Phillips

Mirlande Pierre
Frank Pillitteri
Alan Pincus
Bernice Plata
Pauline Plaviak

Stephanie Polanish
Greg Portnoy
Susan Porton
Jonathan Press
Sheryl Pressman

Daniel Probert
Daniel Ragsdale
Peter Ragsdale
Maria Ramos
Anne Rast

Darron Renzel
Troy Reavis
Stephen Regina
Alan Reicher
Peggy Rettino

Karl Revesz
Elizabeth Rich
James Rivera
Carlos Robinson
Martine Roc

Lisa Rodin
Keo Roeun
Brenda Rogers
Laurence Rosansky
Esther Roscoe

Sheri Rose
Jeffrey Rosen
Richard Rosenblum
Michael Rosenblut
Craig Rosenfeld

Howard Roth
Michael Rothman
Stacey Rothman
Daniel Rubin
Paul Ruderman

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Phillip Ruthen
Seth Ruthen
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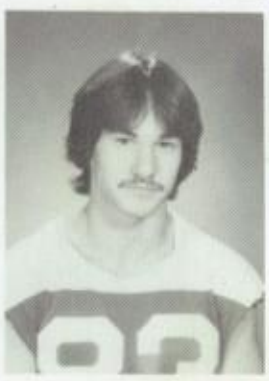
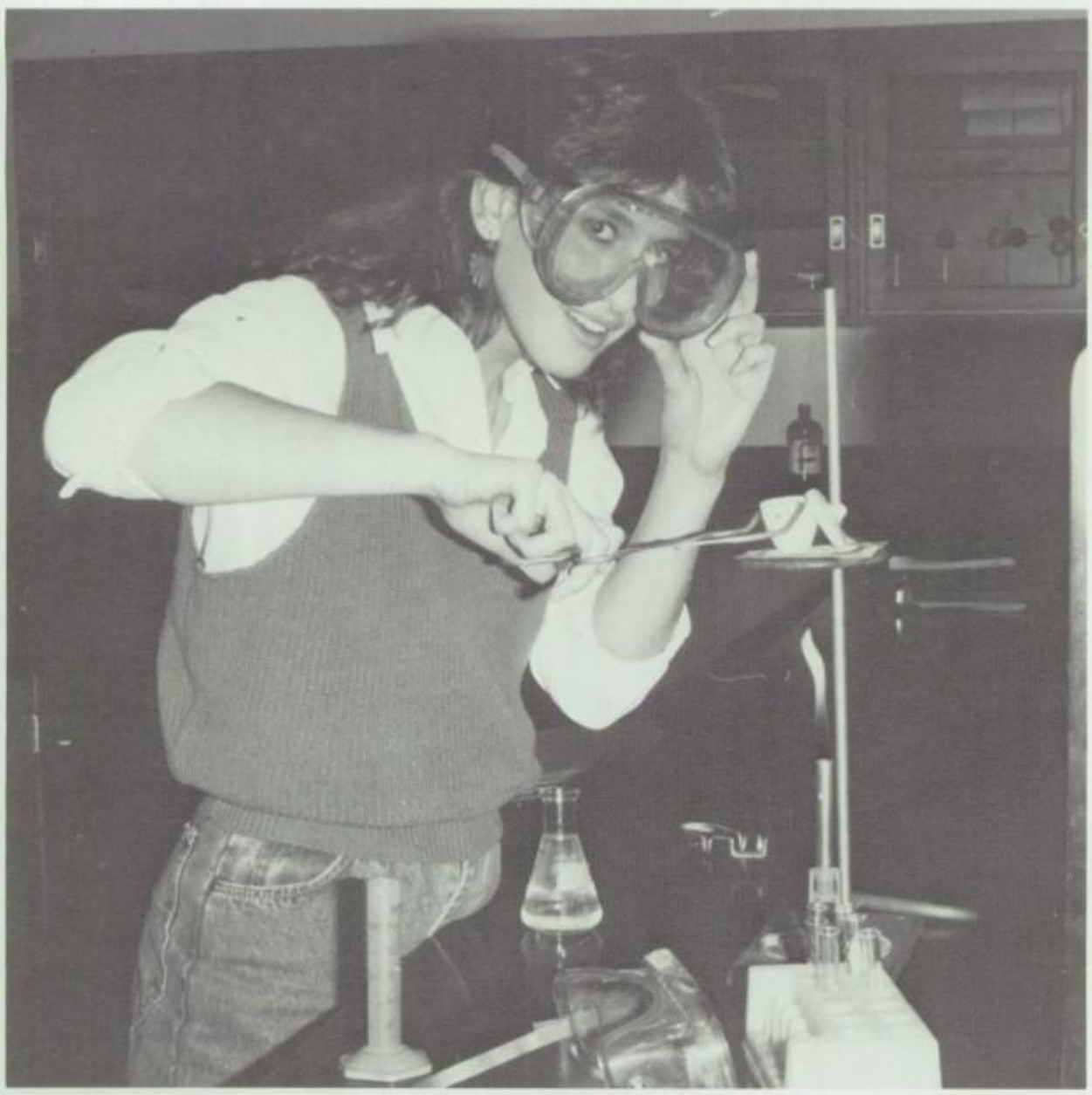


Elements Of Chemistry



While working in the chemistry lab, students could experience their wildest fantasies and become mad scientists. A required part of eleventh grade chemistry, the lab period was a time when students could work mixing chemicals, burning substances, and simulating mini-explosions.

The lab was right out of a science fiction movie. The gurgling sound of bubbling chemicals reached the ears of those within the smoke-filled room. Worst of all was the putrid aroma that attacked the nostrils of anyone within 100 yards of the room.

Most students enjoyed their lab period. They felt a sense of control while creating new substances. They became a part of the world of science, performing the same tasks that lab technicians do. This was what science was all about. It wasn't taking notes, studying for exams, and reading the text book; it was playing a role in the research itself.

The chemistry lab corresponded with the chemistry class, and met every other day. Although most of the labs involved harmless substances and safe equipment, certain precautions were taken, like the wearing of safety goggles. Neutralizing volatile chemicals, learning how to accurately weigh substances and the use of various lab apparatus had practical uses as well.

Element-ary education. Junior Fredrika Stetson performs a complicated chemistry experiment.

Jill Schlifkin
Trenton Schmatz
Mark Schmidt
Joseph Schneider
Mark Schuh

Barry Schurr
Jeffrey Schwartz
Marissa Sedotto
David Seif
Stacia Seigerman

Ramil Servande
Brad Shapiro
Matthew Sharp
Gwen Shusterman
Scott Silberman

Andrea Simon
Jordan Simon
David Sitver
Jonathan Small
Vershawn Smallwood

Tracy Smedman
Ramona Smith
Thomas Smith
Adam Snider
Kenneth Sobel

Douglas Solomon
Andrea Spieler
Jennifer Stanton
Robert Starr
Kelly Stein

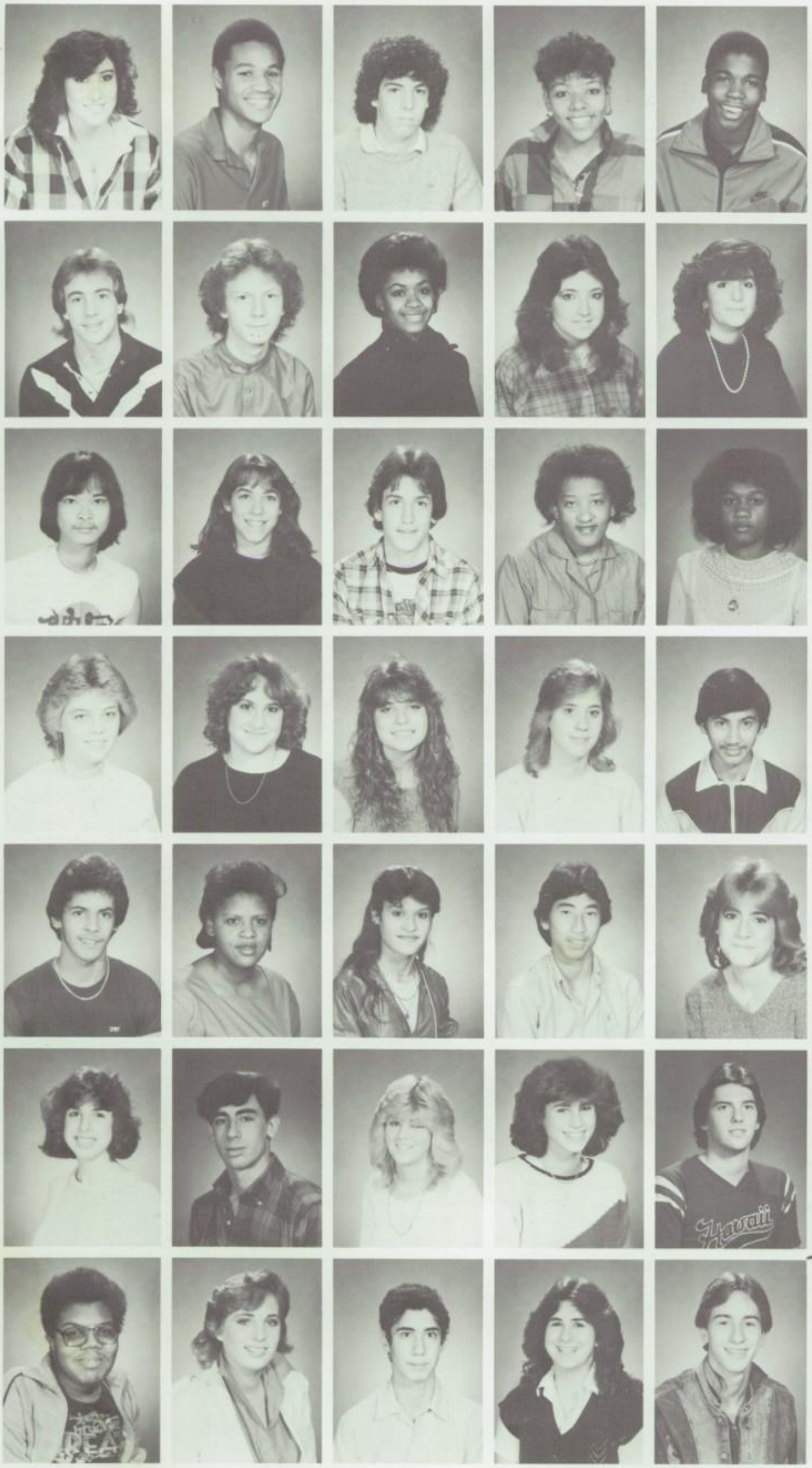
Scott Stern
Fredrika Stetson
Andrea Stoltz
David Stone
Adam Strassberg

The Bookbeeper

The library was the perfect place to go when you needed to do research for a paper, relax, read a book, or just escape the madness and chaos of the lunchroom. Amidst the peace and tranquility that was found in our school library, the simple task of taking out a book could have become a nightmare. If you desperately needed a book for a term paper, you went to Ramapo's library. After combing the shelves for some time, you finally found the volume you were looking for. Casually walking toward the exit, minding your own business, you strolled through the gate. Suddenly . . . a deafening alarm sounded!! You froze with shock and fear as your life flashed before your eyes! Many questions ran through your mind. Where's the fire? The police? Is this "The Price is Right"? Before you realized that you had forgotten to de-sensitize your book, a vexed librarian rushed after you as if you were a criminal.

In 1984, the Ramapo library acquired a 3M library security system. This state of the art security contraption saved the Ramapo High School library hundreds of dollars a year in stolen or lost library books. Seemingly every aspect of this revolutionary machine was beneficial. The only drawback apparent to us was the bar that belted you in the stomach upon entry to, and exit from, the library.

No way out David Ziochomer is unaware of wh lies ahead.



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Guylene Toussaint
Petrina Trombetta
Ann Trubitz

Trung Truong
Loren Turetzky
Andrew Turk
Ann Turnier
Marie Turnier

Michelle Umphlet
Gina Vaccaro
Sheryl Valency
Sharon Vancura
Jose Varghese

Carlos Vasquez
Charlotte Vaughn
Cerrla Vazquez
Noel Velasco
Francine Vetrano

Jami Weisbard
Seth Waldman
Colleen Walsh
Lannie Waltzer
Robert Walton

Michael Weems
Lisa Weil
Ariel Weinberg
Dana Weiner
Eric Weissman

Jennifer Werby
Derrick White
Maj Wickstrom
Margret Williams
Caroline Witte

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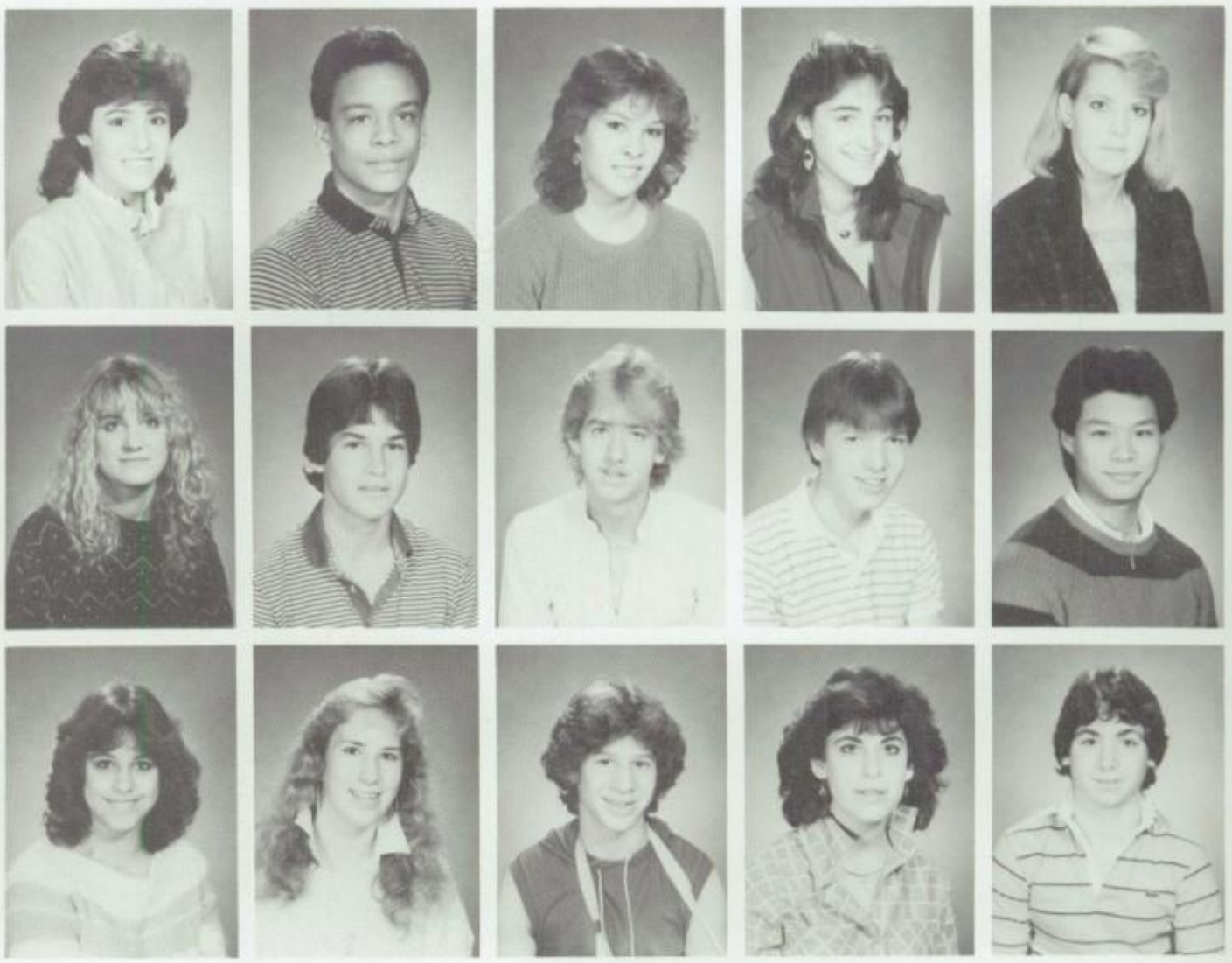


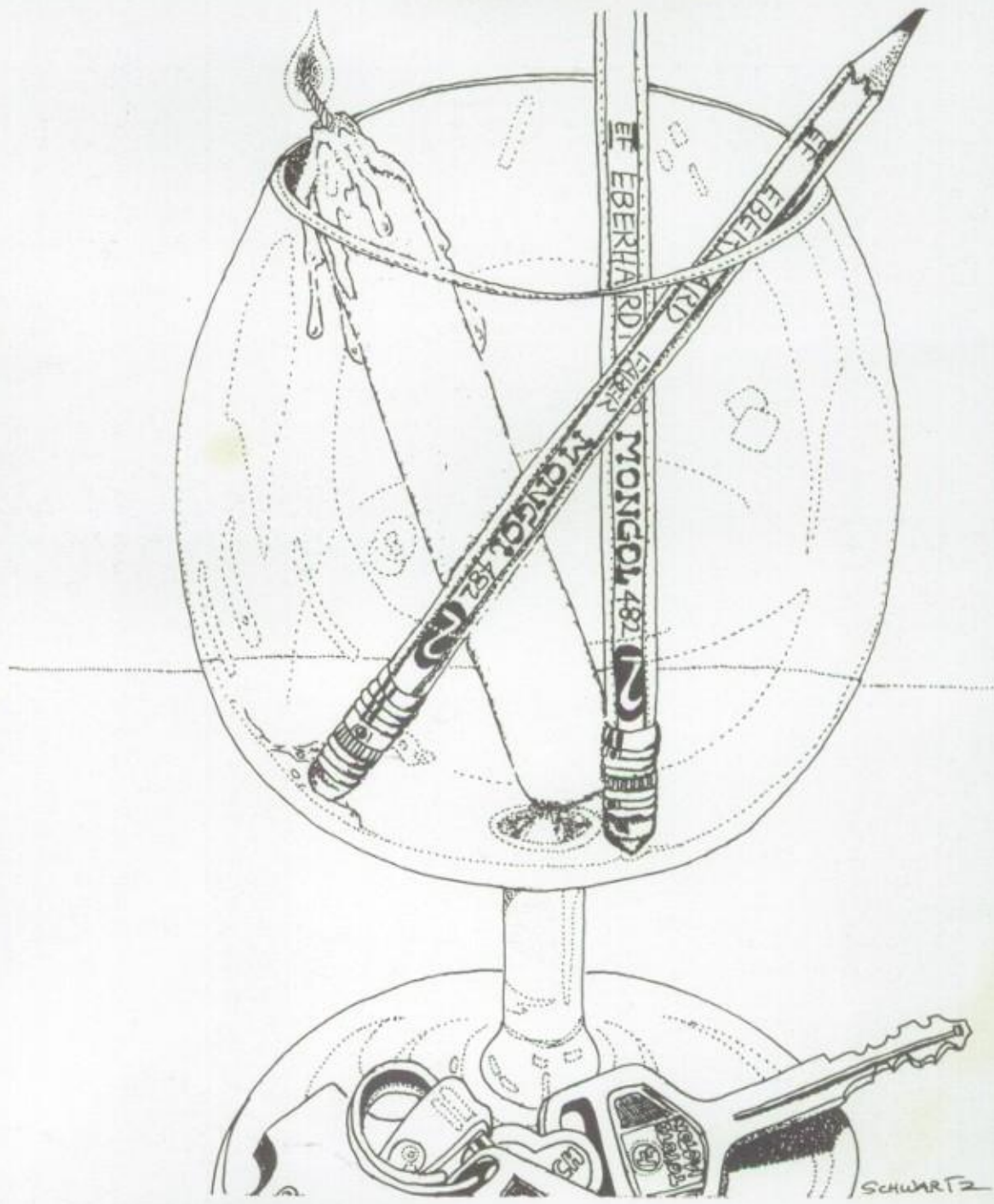
As Time Goes By

The memory glass of the junior year is significant in that it is only half full. The basic fundamentals of knowledge have been expanded upon, and the glass has begun to be filled with memories. Yet, it still contains a vast emptiness leaving enough space for still more adventures, transactions, relations. The crucial elements retained during junior year can be symbolically preserved in the memory glass as follows:

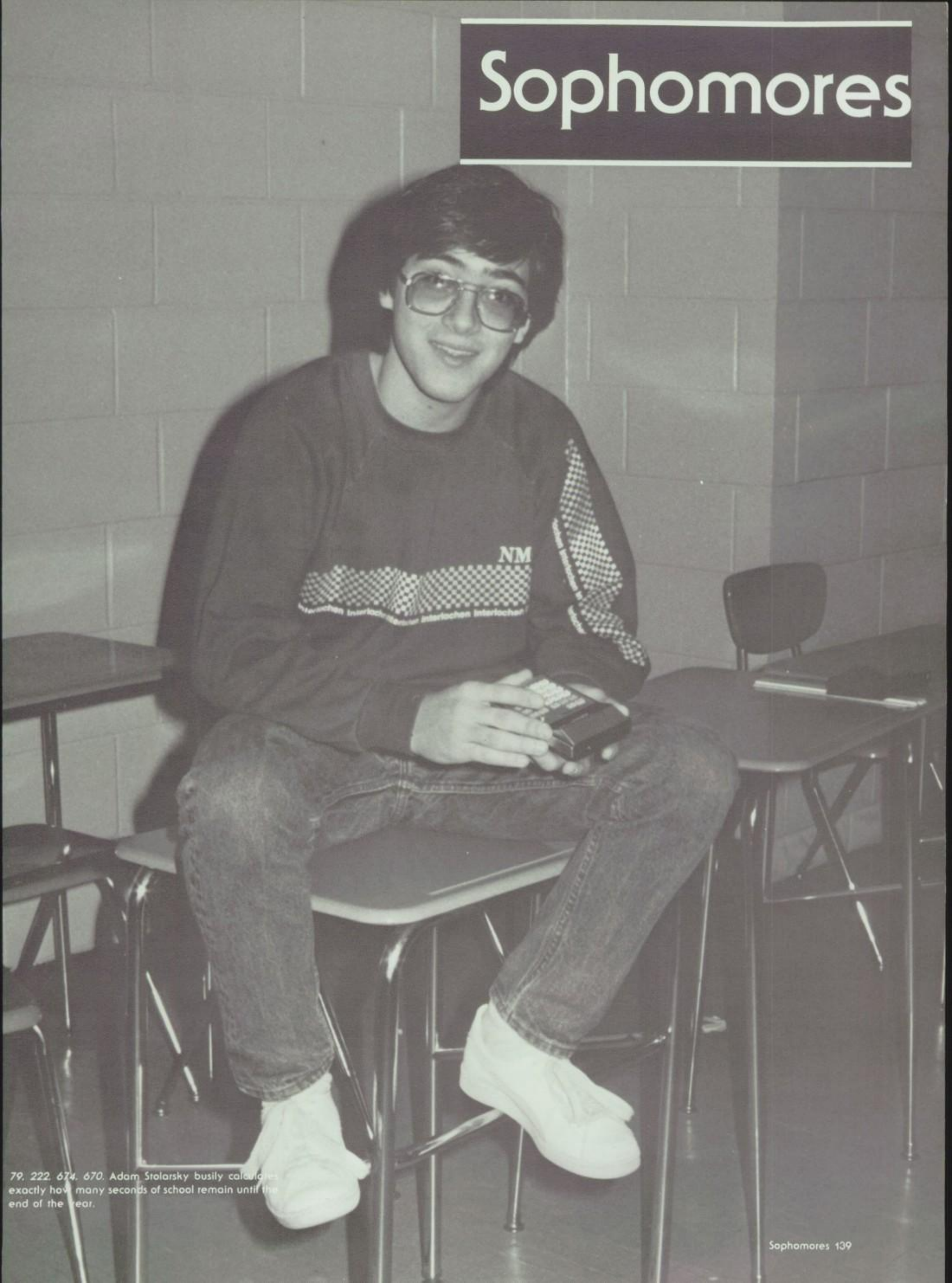
Pencils: Representing the sum total of notes, problem solving, and exams taken during the first years of high school. Junior year is a trying one as far as academics are concerned. Knowledge will be gained, as well as tested intensely.

Candle: Representing the induction into the National Honor Society. Students at Ramapo received a certain amount of prestige depending upon how much they were willing to give of themselves.

Flame: Most important symbol of all, it represents the continuing process of enlightenment that is in transition at this time of life. The aquisition of knowledge is a never ending process, and although a certain amount of it was discovered, there is still an infinite amount yet to be found.



Sophomores



79. 222. 674. 670. Adam Stolarsky busily calculates exactly how many seconds of school remain until the end of the year.

Barri Aboff
Beth Abrams
Sharon Abrams
Stacy Abrams
Jennifer Achille

David Ackerman
Debra Ackerman
Mitchell Adler
Cesar Alarcon
Grace Alegre

Lisa Alpert
Damon Amella
Rosemary Antoine
Eric Appelbaum
Lisa Aristide

Robyn Aronson
Mario Auguste
Mireille Auguste
Barry Backelman
Sheala Bacom

Elizabeth Bandiero
Nicole Bandiero
Bryan Banks
Patrick Baquisal
Raymond Barberousse

Stephanie Barnes
Andre Baynes
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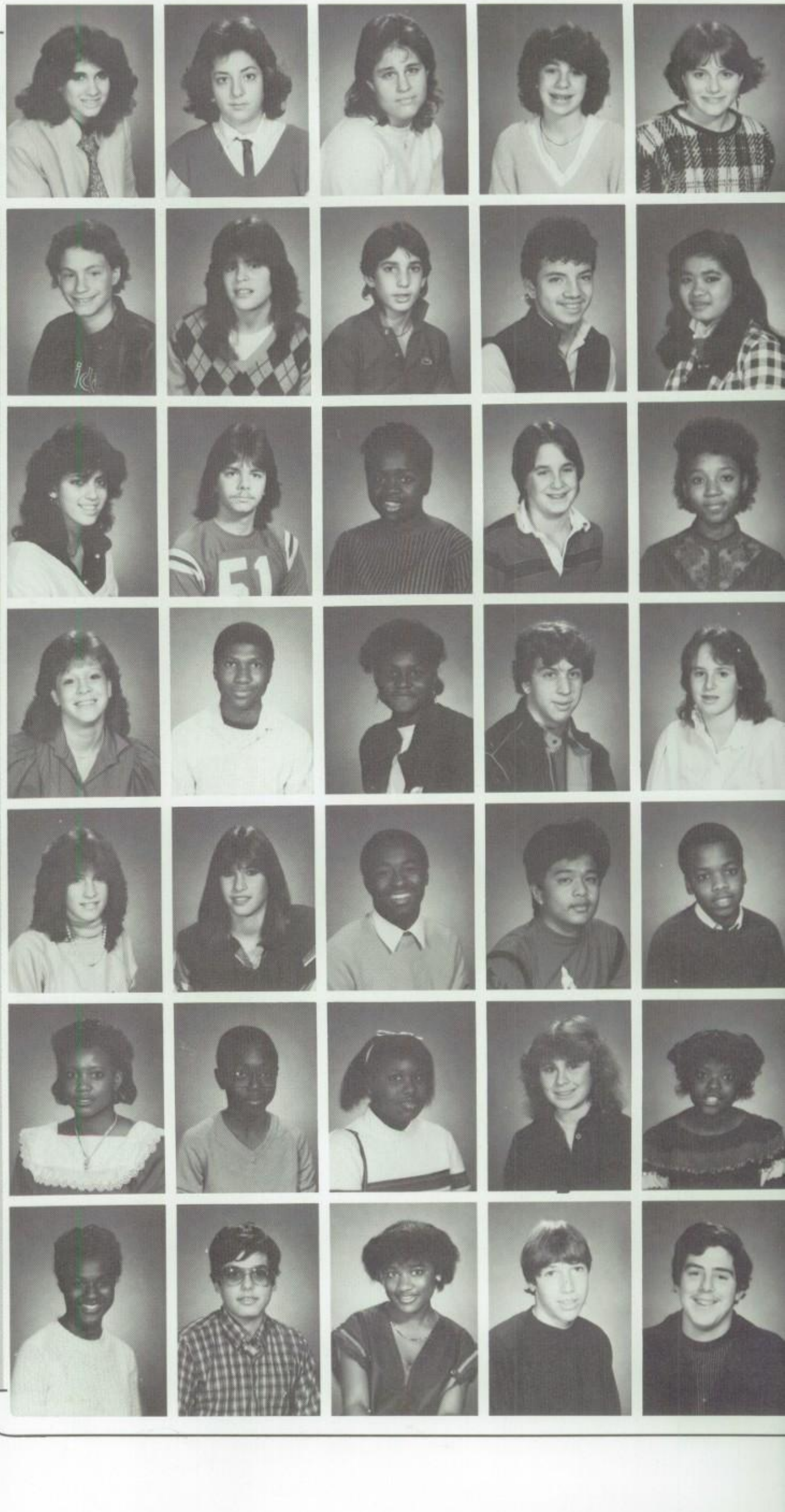

One Small Step For Sophomores

Sophomores found the transition between Junior High and Ramapo almost overwhelming. The many small differences of the two can amount to great confusion. One of the changes for sophomores was the morning routine. They found having homeroom following first period backwards from what they were used to. The time between classes remained the same, but the walk had to be quicker. There was less socializing in the halls because the distance to travel was greater. All of these things added to the anxiety of going to a new school.

Perhaps the best adjustment the sophomores made was the earlier dismissal from school. Now, activities became important and many wondered how they had survived that long without their daily dose of midday soaps. The perils of high school life seem many, but all agree the advantages certainly outweigh the disadvantages.

Ta da! Lauren Stangel has adapted very well to the new environment at Ramapo.

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Richard Berk
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Jeffrey Berman
Meredith Berman

Jeffrey Bernstein
David Bialek
Monica Bigman
Amy Bila
Haylee Blackman

Amy Blauman
Craig Blecker
Mindie Bogoff
Susan Bonanno
Jill Bookman

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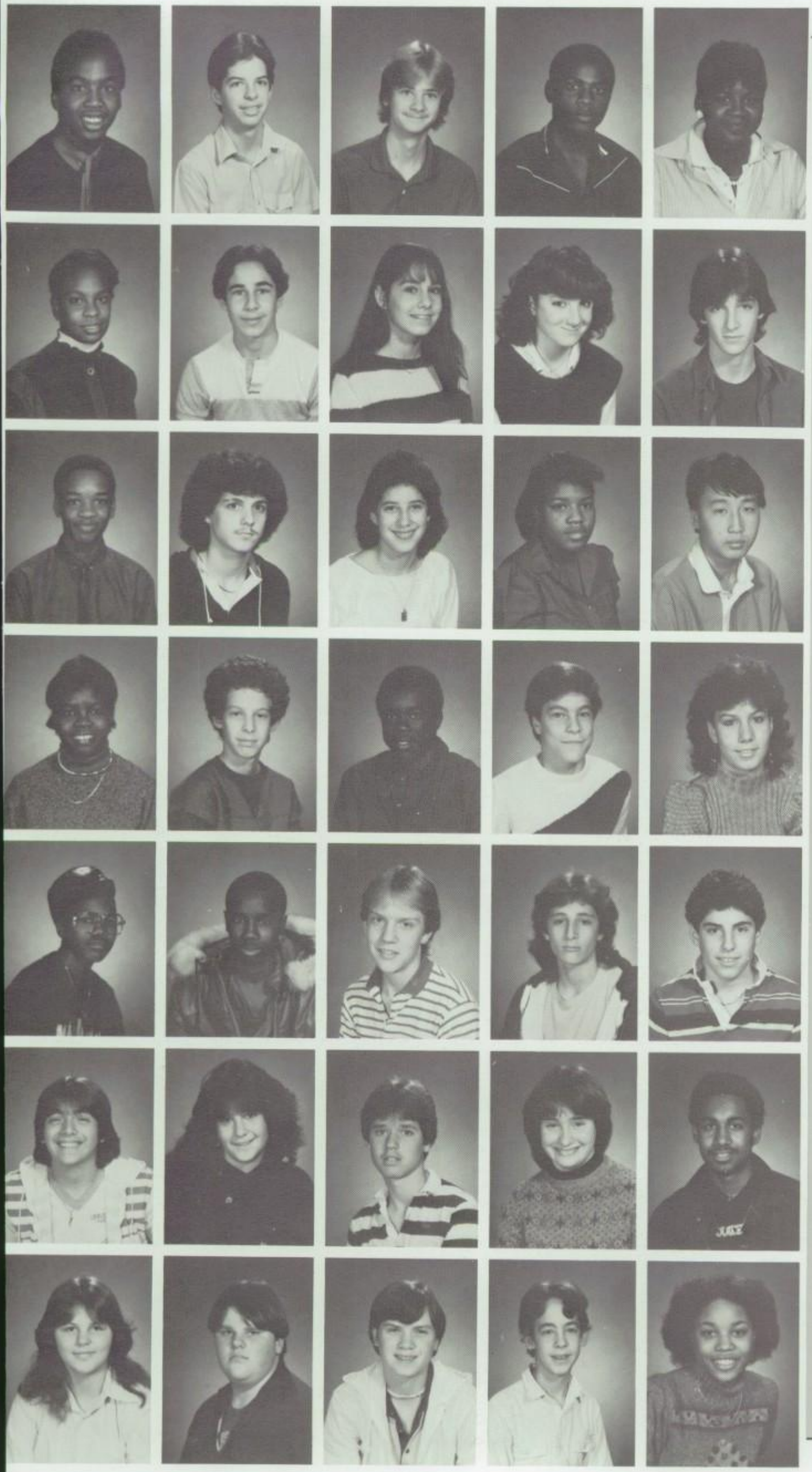
Lawrence Bortstein
William Botts
Alexaner Braginsky
Adrian Branch

Laurie Bregman
Sylvia Brezmes-Fernando
Tracy Bridges
Elisa Brier
Craig Brodsky

Neil Brodsky
Jason Brown
Jason Browm
Elizabeth Brownstein
Dieter Bruno

Tomorrow And Tomorrow . . .

This year the English students at Ramapo were assigned a different Shakespearian tragedy to read. Whether it was Richard III, Macbeth, or Hamlet, they often found themselves mumbling quotes in the hall, blurting them out at the dinner table, or shouting them at the top of their lungs in the middle of a math test. It was unintentional, like an epidemic which affected the entire school Soon they may have even picked up British accents and spoken in iambic pentameter. The distinguishing factors between sophomores, juniors, and seniors were no longer the clothes they wore or the way they acted, but the soliloquies they recited. The evil ways of Richard III, the gore of Macbeth and the self-indulgence of Hamlet became all encompassing. As time went by, we realized why the works of Shakespeare are classic, for our appreciation grew with our understanding.



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David Cobin
Andrew Cohen

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Gabor Collins
Ricki Colman
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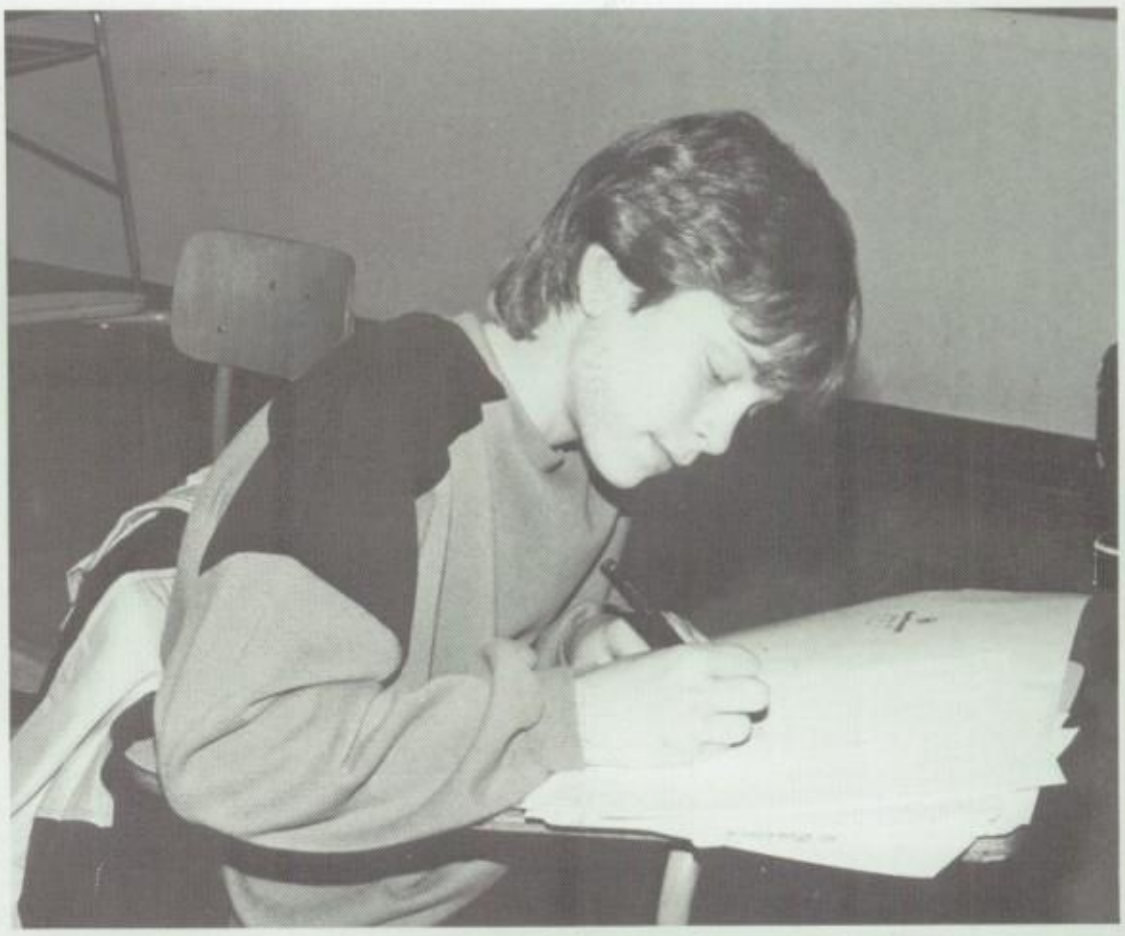

Test trek. Michael Bromley's mission: to explore new frontiers in inventive test-taking.

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Francie Dean

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Glenn Dekoven
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Fad Bags

The greatest thing about knapsacks is that there is always room for one more thing. A practical and functional part of academic life was this apparatus. Originally designed for mountain climbing and outdoor adventure, the sturdy construction withstood student abuse. They came in every conceivable color. Nonchalantly slung over one's shoulder, the knapsack made a statement about the wearer such as, "Hey, I'm sporty, casual, easy going, and kind of preppy." Heavy books were never a burden, because their weight was evenly distributed across one's back. The knapsack was both a popular accessory as well as a functional piece of equipment.

The knapsack craze began in colleges where students were so bogged down with extra heavy textbooks and sought an easy way to transport them. The knapsacks soon became a stylish fad. When students from Ramapo visited their friends and relatives on the college campuses, they recognized the practicality of the knapsacks, and bought their own, making the style a more universal one.

On the road again. Lisa Rubenfeld, Blaire Preri, Debbie Negroni, Stephanie Polanish model their favorite knapsacks.

Camping Out

The decision of what to do during the summer was always a perplexing one. Whether to get a job, visit friends, travel to exotic countries, enroll in pre-college courses, or just relax in the sun, there was one choice which dominated the Ramapo student. It was summer camp. These ranged from day camps to sleep-a-ways, and included camps specializing in art, music, science, or religion. Students used this time to meet new people, become somewhat independent, and enhance their talents. It was the perfect opportunity to grow both mentally and socially. Students not only were participants in camp actvities, but often ran them as well. Some chose to be counselors, making some extra money while enjoying the benefits of camp life. Assignments ranged from lifeguards, kitchen help, and maintenance, to taking charge of a large group of young children for the entire summer. Regardless of the student's position with the camp, each individual developed a strong sense of pride and devotion to their summer camp. Whether staff member of enrolled member, summer camp was both a learning experience and a wonderful way to spend the summer.

School's out. Michelle Palkin, Vicki Henry, and Jami Walsburd look happy about their choices of camp for the summer.

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Danielle Francois
Brian Franzman

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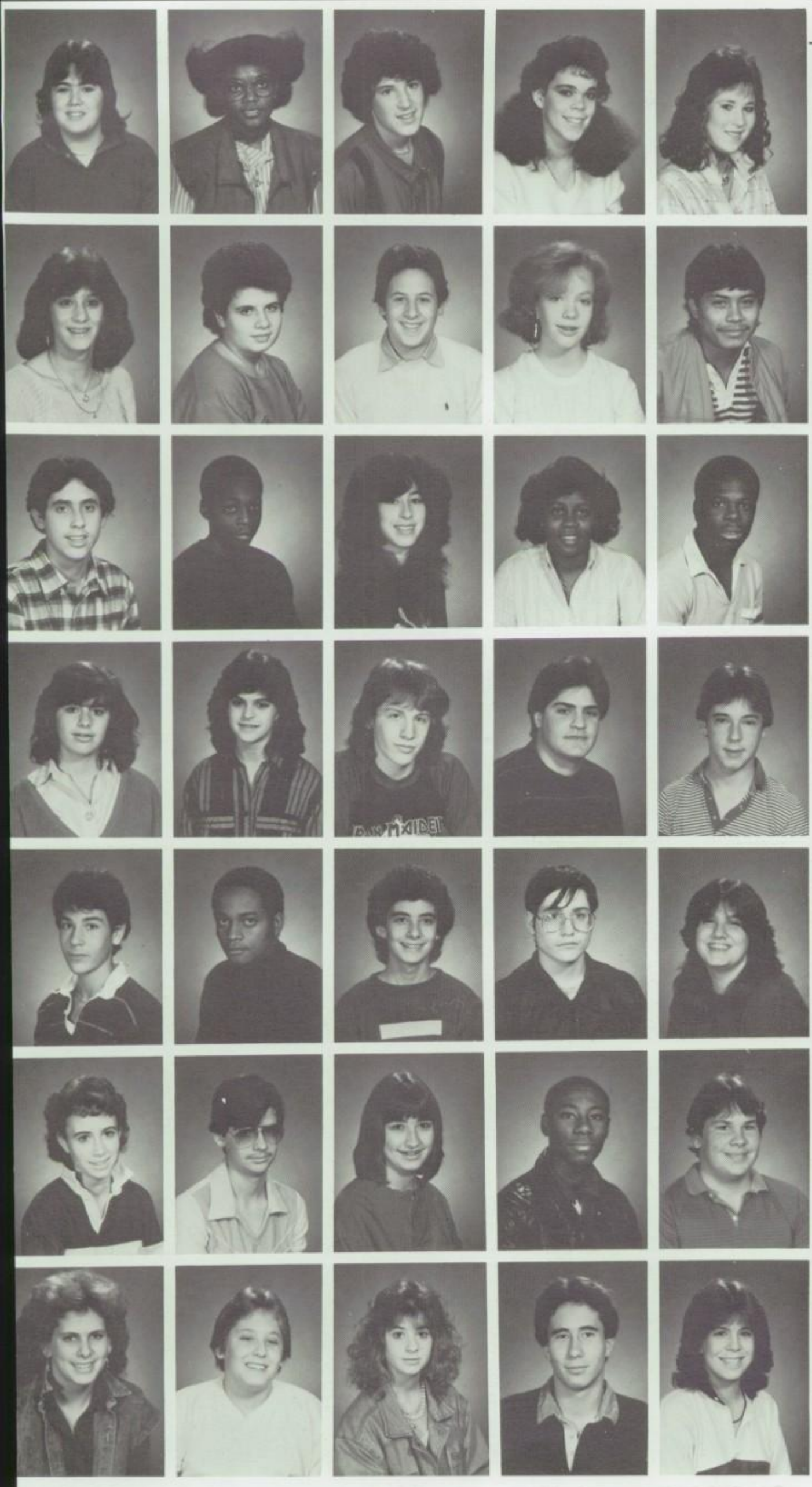

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Rachel Graf
Priscilla Gray
Bernard Gredyidde

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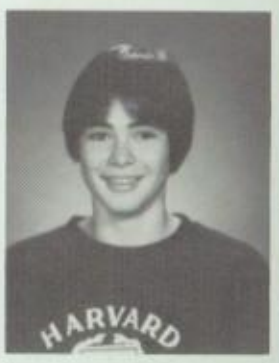

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The Monarch On The Cliff

The Cliff Note Culprits Summarized By Professor M. O'Narch

The Characters: The students at Ramapo who had to read several lengthy novels in English class.

Brief Summary: Many students were so bogged down by homework and active extracurricular activities, they did not have time to read novels for English. To save time, they took a shortcut and read summarized versions.

Detailed Summary and Commentary: Students at Ramapo High School this year, 1985, had extremely heavy workloads.

Comments: Professor Cliff observes that this is a common problem in the school system today. Forced to read lengthy works of literature in English, many bought shortened versions in the form of Cliff and Monarch Notes.

Comments: Teachers realized the danger in this. Students were not truly learning, merely cramming.

The Cliff Notes were made forbidden fruit by the teachers, and those students who continued to use them secretly ended up flunking because they never really learned what the book was about.

Comments: In place of novels, Cliff Notes gave the students wrong impressions of the material. Students tried to formulate ideas and opinions by someone else-s point of view. By this, they lost their own first impressions of the novel.

Comments: Students went as far as trying to formulate a research paper on the novel, but teachers knew where such ideas were from, and students did not benefit from them in the least.

Comments: Perhaps the teachers themselves read the notes so they could formulate questions that cannot be answered in the notes.

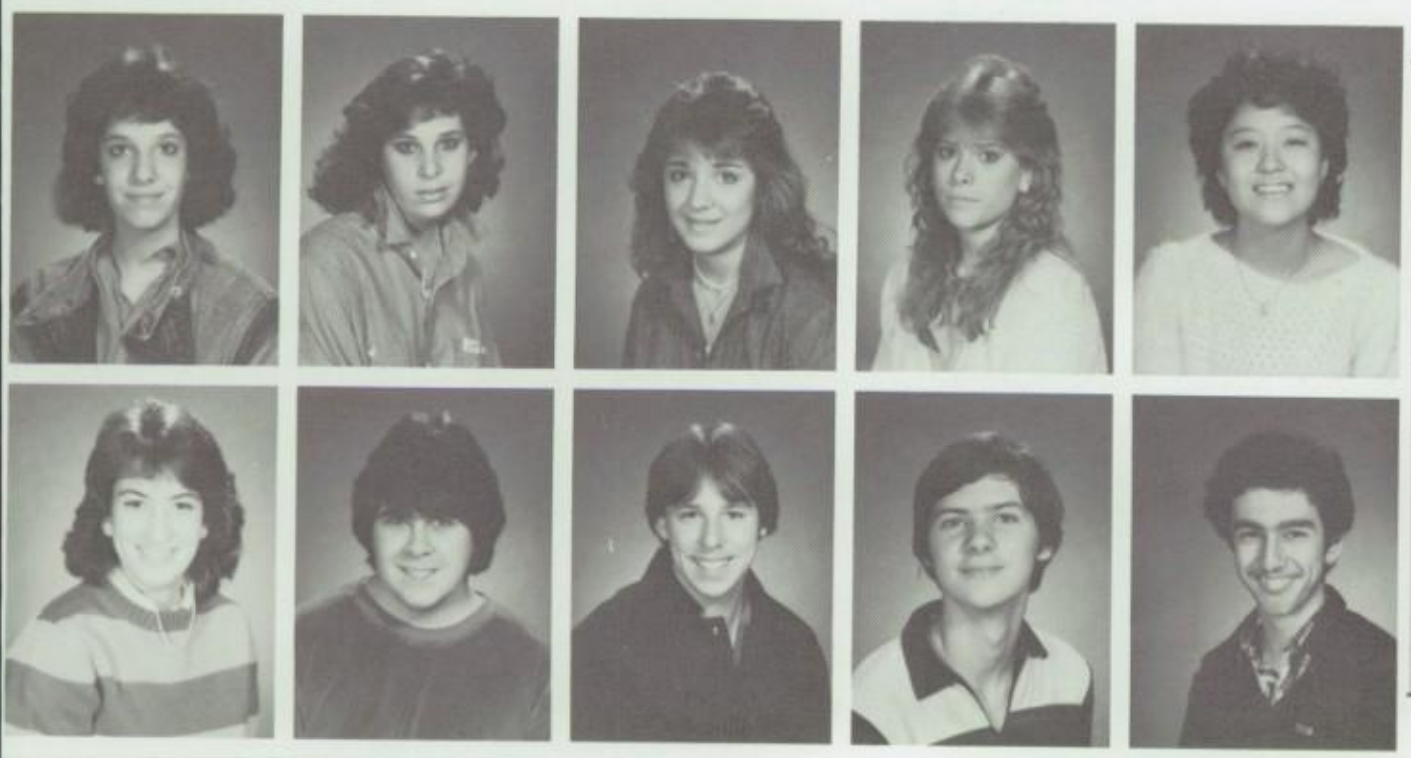
Those students who read the complete works received good grades and enriched their education.

Character Analyses: Students who chose this method knew there was really no substitute for the originals, but only wished to enhance their understanding and to receive more insights to the previously read novels.

The End

Essays: Are the Cliff and Monarch notes a threat to society? Do they contribute to the economy? Would students be able to survive without them?

A necessity of life. Karen Lane has found that Cliff Notes are a pre-requisite to passing English.



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Dayton Lau
Diana Laucello

Heavy Metal

Tin was in?!? So it seems, as many students at Ramapo had to dea with the trials and tribulations o braces. Students had to tolerate all of the tortuous "devices" that the orthodontist had placed upon their teeth. Night braces rubberbands, space makers, and headgea were some of the contraptions that stu dents had to endure, all in the name of the "perfect smile." Ramapo students also ha to put up with name calling such as "tinse teeth" and "metal mouth". Another disad vantage to these orthodontic fixtures wa students had to cope with the absence o chewing gum and any other remotel sticky or gooey foods. Cleaning one's bra es was another story. It was virtually im possible to eat anything without it gettin caught (except soup). Despite all these di advantages, perfectly straight teeth resul ed when the braces came off.

Contrary to modern myth, few student had to experience that fabled conditio "music of the mouth" and no one's mout lit up during electrical storms. No matter th means, students were willing to do jus about anything to eventually have a smil that would just "knock 'em dead!"

Brace yourself. Lori Weiser, Trina Sobel, and Carol An Nardella show off their bright smiles.

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Todd Lebson
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Marta Lederer

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Jonathan Leitner
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James Levitt

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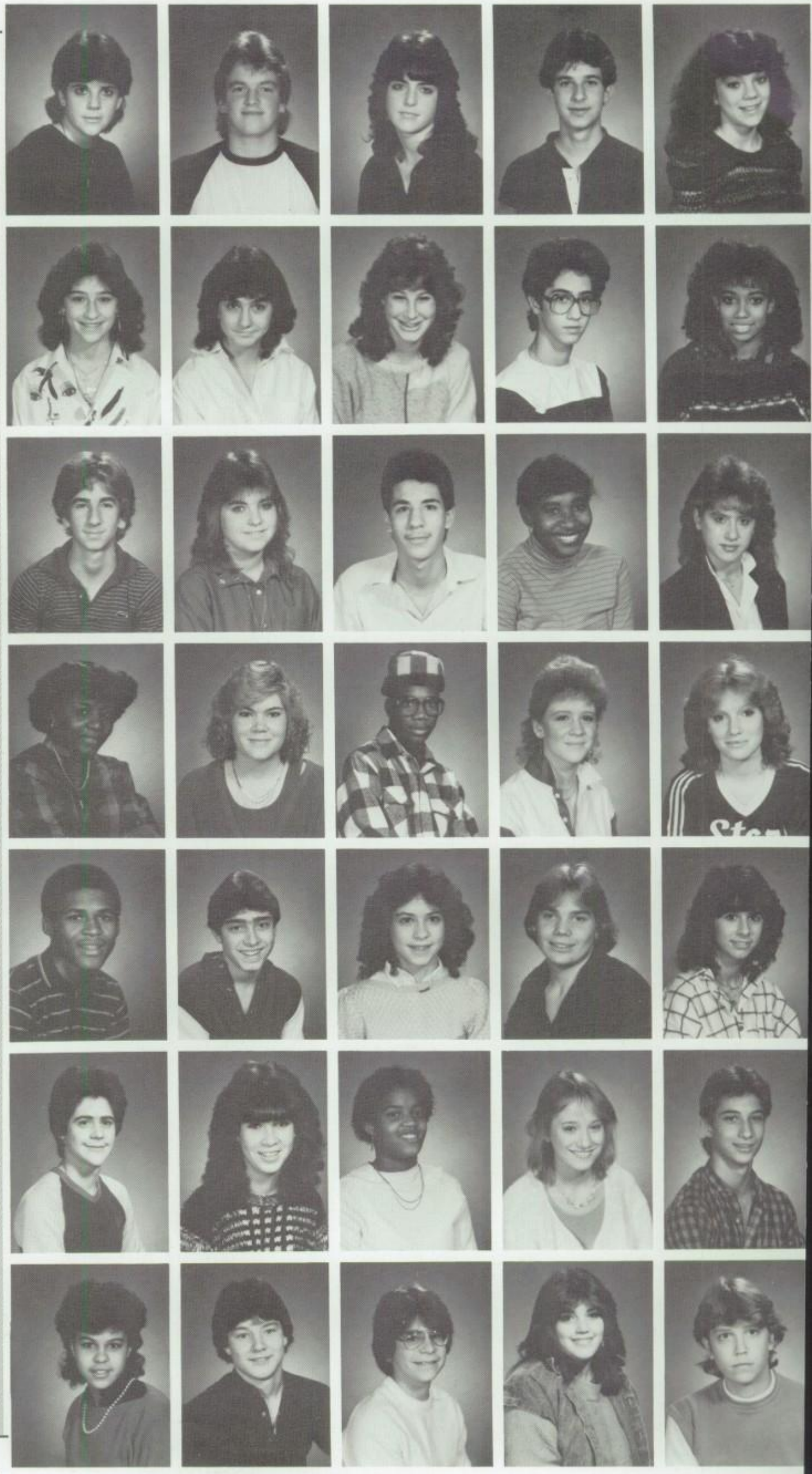

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Adam Peltz
Dawn Penz
Lisa Pepe
William Pettiford
Blair Pieri

In The Mood For Food

It invaded Ramapo! Junk food, a menacing threat to our community, had descended upon us. A major contributor was the school store. Every junk food craving could be satisfied there. Just by walking in, we made ourselves vulnerable. Overcome by the smell of hot pretzels, tempted by chocolate and teased by ice cream, we gave in.

The school store was not the only thing that violated our nutritional sensibilities. One club discovered that a successful way to raise money was to sell candy and hold bake sales, imposing empty calories and non-nutritional foods upon the student population at large. Club after club followed the example, each imparting their own candy, selling every chocolate bar in creation and taunting us with home baked goods and fresh bagels. It was virtually impossible to walk into a classroom without our resistance being defeated, and we gladly succumbed.

Got the munchies? There was always plenty to choose from during lunch in the school store.

Finding Your Own Space

The transition from junior high to high school is an experience common to the entire sophomore class. The differences range from the size of the school with larger lockers and more spacious hallways, the size of the curriculum with more numerous and varied course offerings, to the amount of people within the school, the number of new people to meet, and the individual closeness with new faculty members. The wide-eyed sophomore found a new world of options at Ramapo. He/she found a plethora of clubs, organizations, and activities, as well as a well developed, comprehensive athletic program.

More importantly, the sophomore was able to meet many new people as the student bodies of a number of different junior high schools molded into the class of '87. Although somewhat overwhelmed at the start, the incoming sophomore soon became an integrated part of Ramapo's population.

Every year it seemed as though incoming sophomores were getting smaller and smaller. By the end of the first semester, differences among sophomores, juniors and seniors were apparent, but less obvious. These underclassmen became assimmilated into the Ramapo community in a number of ways. The many extra-curricular activities offerred at Ramapo certainly did not discriminate against underclassmen. Many of the electives at Ramapo had seniors, juniors and sophomores in them. This cross-section had dual benefits. It broke the stereotype of the typical underclassman, and was the quickest way to close the gap between incoming sophs and "at home" seniors.

A tight fit. Nikki Schwartz can hardly believe that she had fit all of her things into her junior high school locker.

Make yourself at home. Sophomore Nikki Schwartz makes use of all her newly-acquired locker space.

Harold Pieri
Anthony Pisano
Ronald Pitluk
Morris Pitt
Marla Plass

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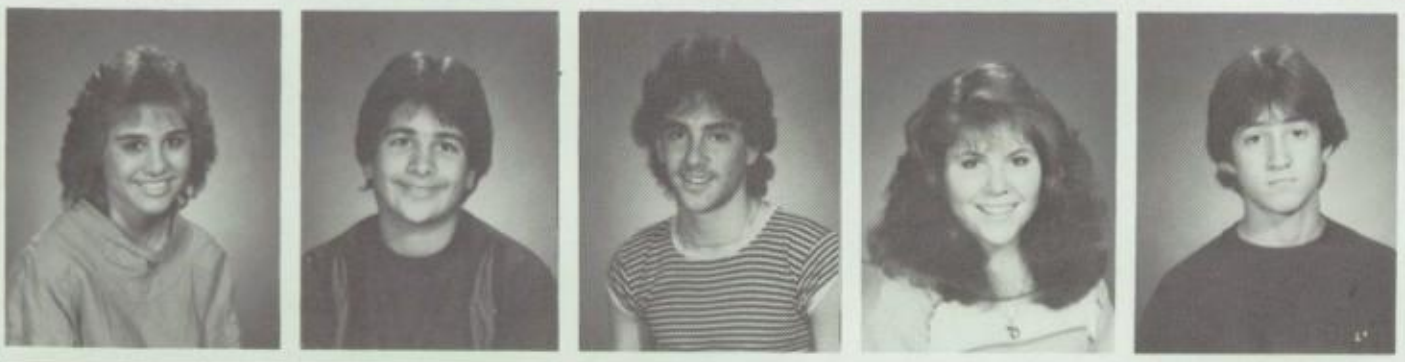

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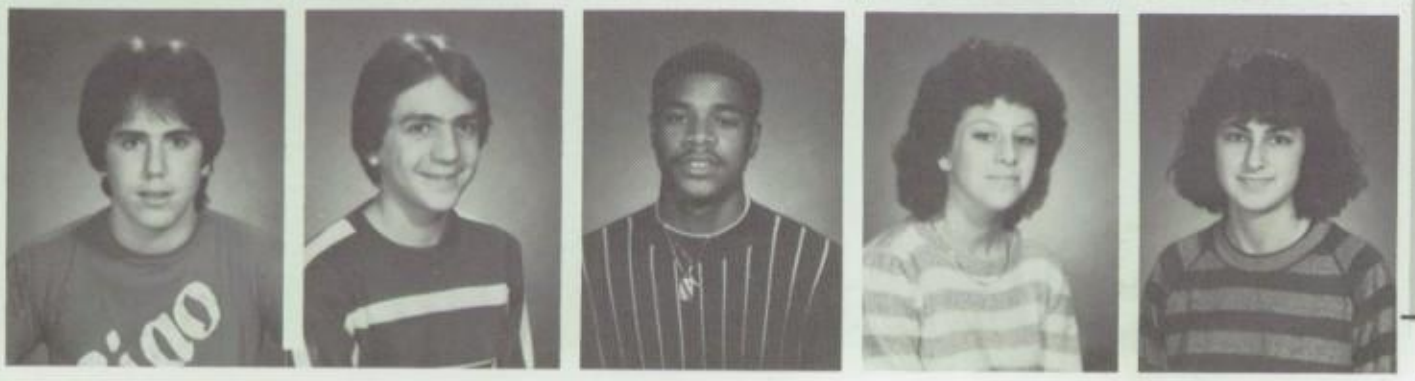

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Robert Schultz

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Bruce Scott

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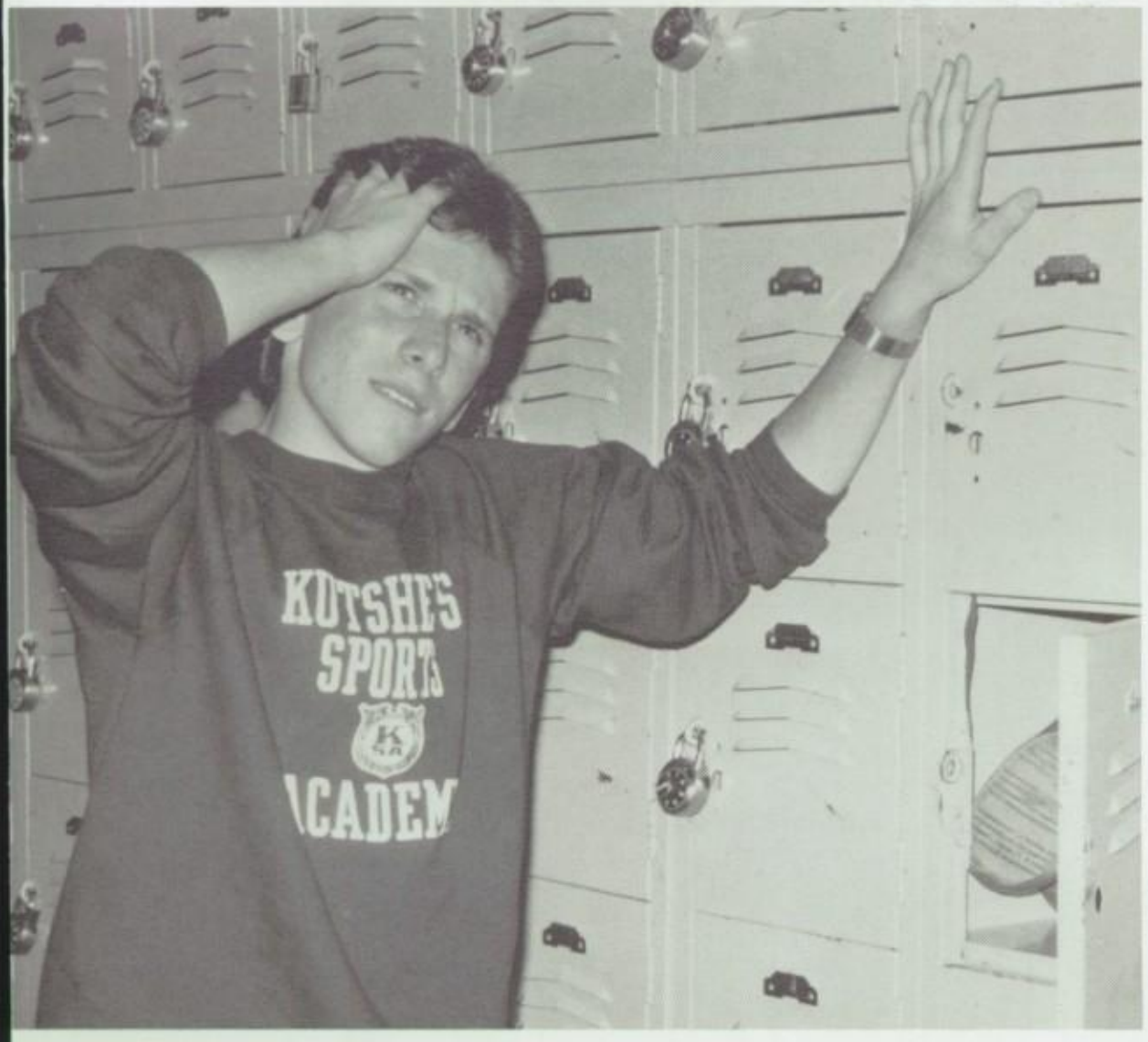
Should I?



Contemplating. Sophmore Steven Scheine tries to calculate what his chances of passing are if he does not change.

One of the hardest courses to cope with was physical education. It was hard to fathom the reasoning behind letting you drop a course like math after two years while making gym a four year requirement. Participating was made into such a hassle, and many bizarre excuses came into play. You gave your teacher a note signed by yourself and told him that you couldn't participate because you didn't have your gym clothes. Why? You were driving to school in a convertible and they flew out; the mailman thought they were a Christmas bonus; the little kid you babysat for made a rocket out of them and they are now in orbit. Then there's always the note from mom saying: "Johnny can't play gym today because he sprained his pinky." The medical excuse was used as a last resort, that your intestinal disorder has acted up again and if you didn't go to the nurse immediately, there would be an unpleasant mess to clean up. Maybe it would have been easier if you had just cut. But cutting counted for four points, so you might have decided to take a zero, which was only three points. If you cut twice, you'll fail, but that's only if you take gym on alternate days. If you take it everyday, you'll pass because you can cut up to three times and be late once, which is only two points, or even be unprepared or not participate, each of which are three points. But that was only for a ten week period, and when ten weeks were up, the whole thing started all over again. Are you confused? You would have had to take calculus to figure it all out.

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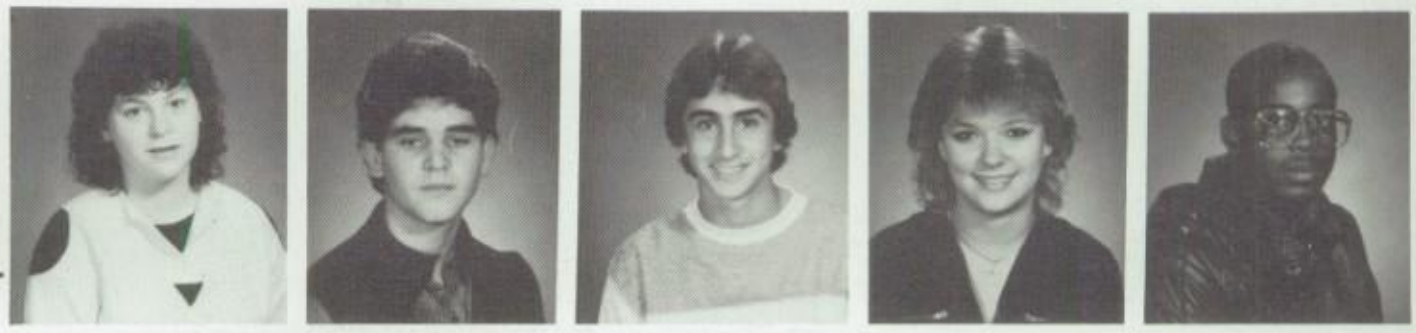


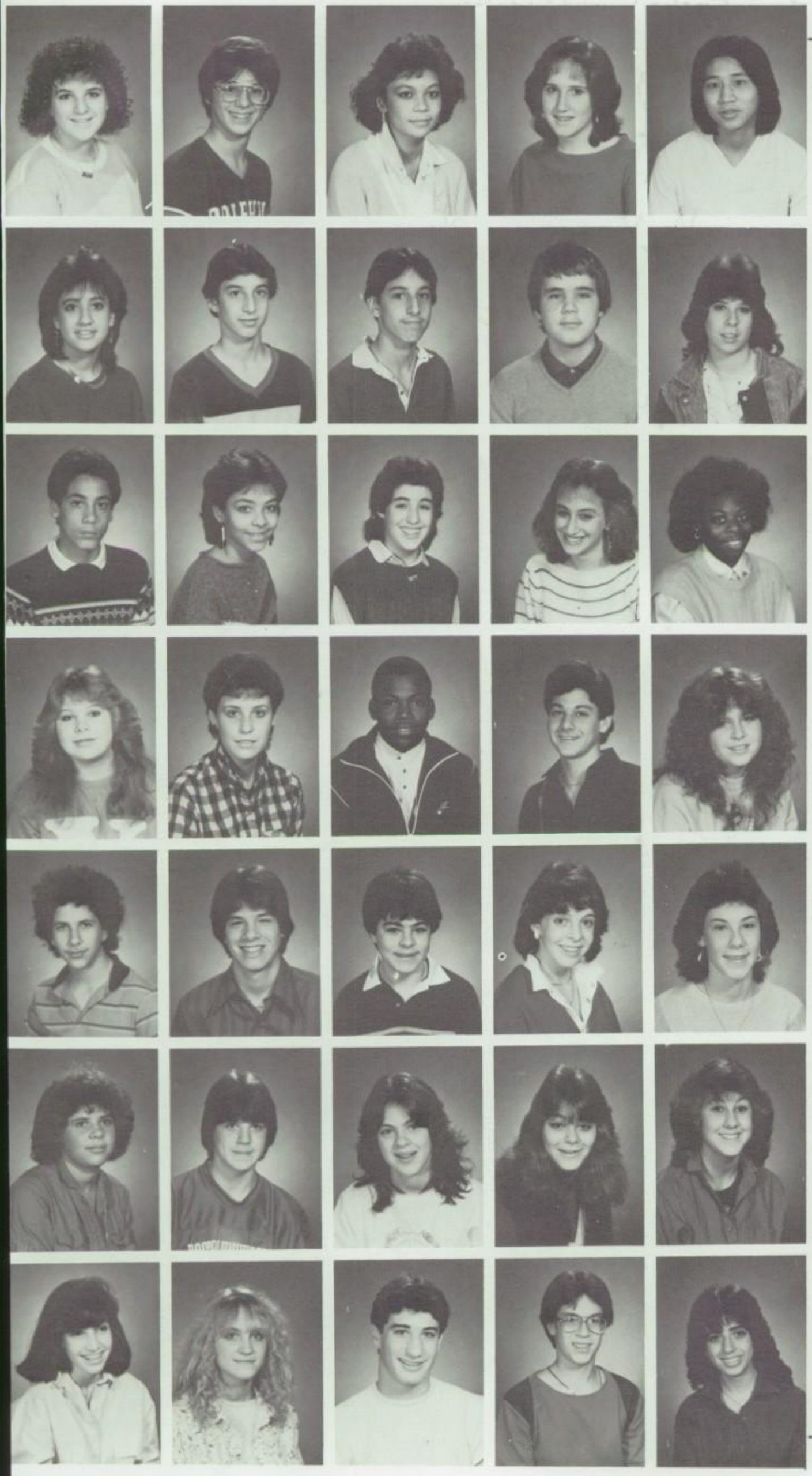
Movies For Rent

Going to the movies was a favorite pastime for many students. However, there were several problems. There were long lines and expensive tickets. Tall people often sat in front of you, people with the mentality of lobotomy patients narrated behind you, and someone who already saw the movie and couldn't wait to reveal the end sat next to you.

With the arrival of the video tape machine, all the problems associated with going out to the movies were eliminated. Friends could now go to someone's house and watch rented movies. Of course, there were those students who took advantage of this and began to charge their friends admission and sell popcorn in the living room.

Many people joined video clubs and could rent movies at video stores at cheaper prices. (This was one of the only clubs students could not put on their extracurricular records, although many tried). It was fun to go into the store and have a choice out of hundreds of movies to see. Everything was playing! Tapes included comedy, nostalgia, romance, adventure, and concerts. Renting movies was an enjoyable, inexpensive mode of entertainment.

Concertmania. Some of the most popular rented videotapes are of top musical performances.



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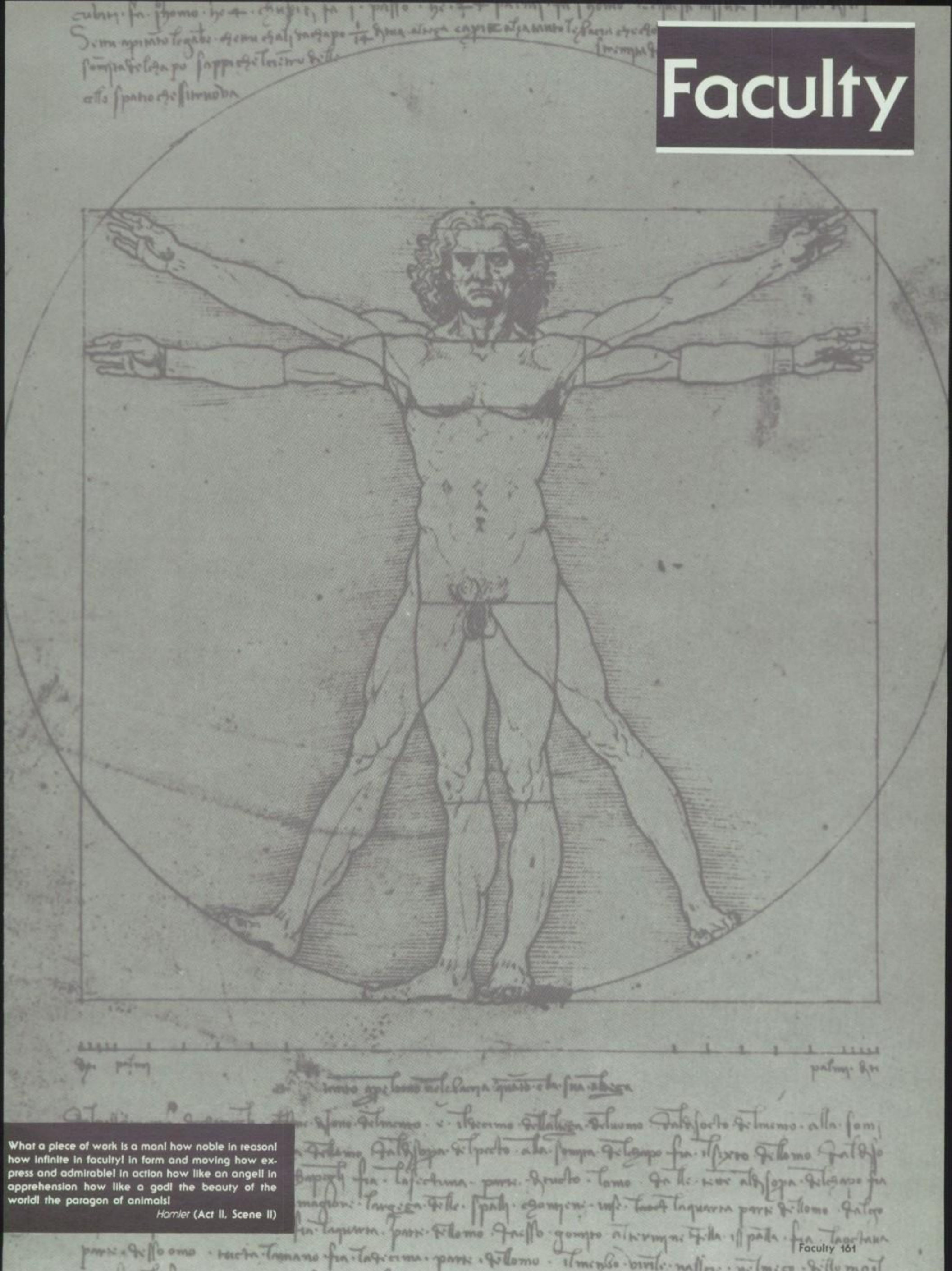
The Dawn Of Time

John Locke, an English philosopher, believed that we are all born blank sheets of paper. As we grow, our senses provide the mind with knowledge, and the paper becomes filled with experiences. Similar to this theory, an empty memory glass symbolizes the sophomore year. Upon entering Ramapo, the sophomores carry the significant fundamentals that they have acquired through past studies. While at Ramapo, they will build upon these fundamentals through extensive study, and refinement of extracurricular talents. Hence, the only object in the glass is a stop watch signifying the time they have left to learn, experience, and contribute to humanity. During their three years at Ramapo, the sophomores will fill the glass with cherished memories of special people, events and episodes until at the close of senior year the glass is overflowing. They will become involved with the school, peers, themselves and teachers. Their self-awareness will develop as they acquire special individual qualities. The true beauty of the empty glass is that it contains something intangible-the endless possibilites that await in the future.

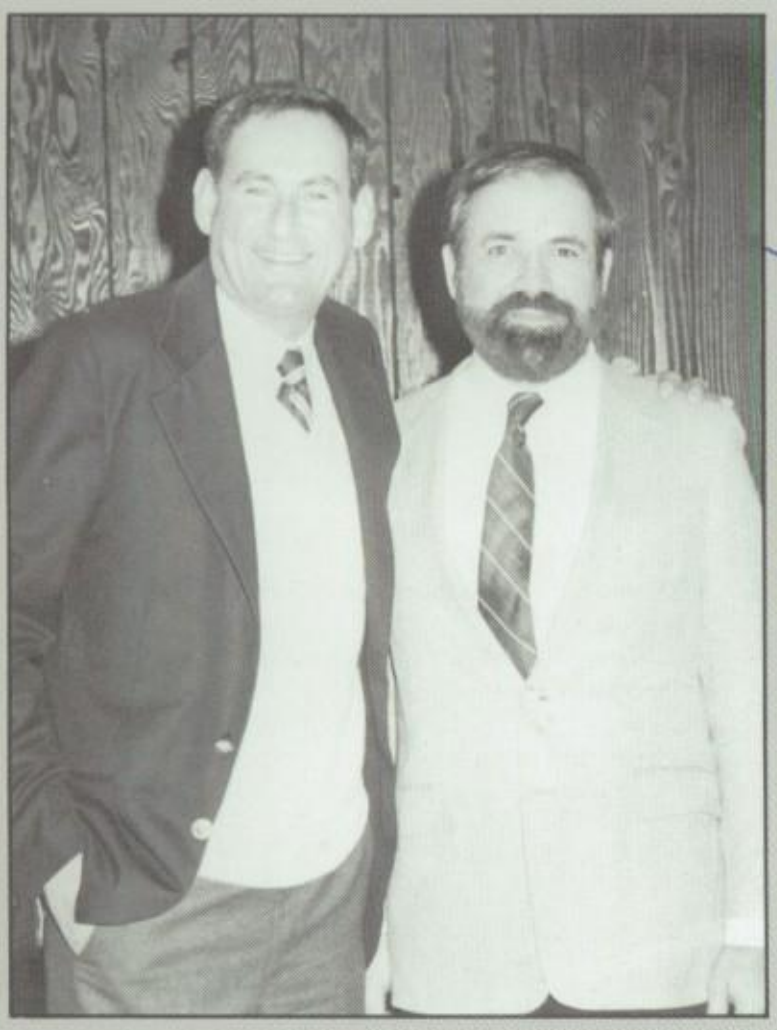
In the beginning. Sophomore year is a glorious time of transition. It is the most significant right of passage in high school until graduation. Sophomores are at the threshold of the door to knowledge, awaiting its opening, ready to work to make high school meaningful.

Faculty



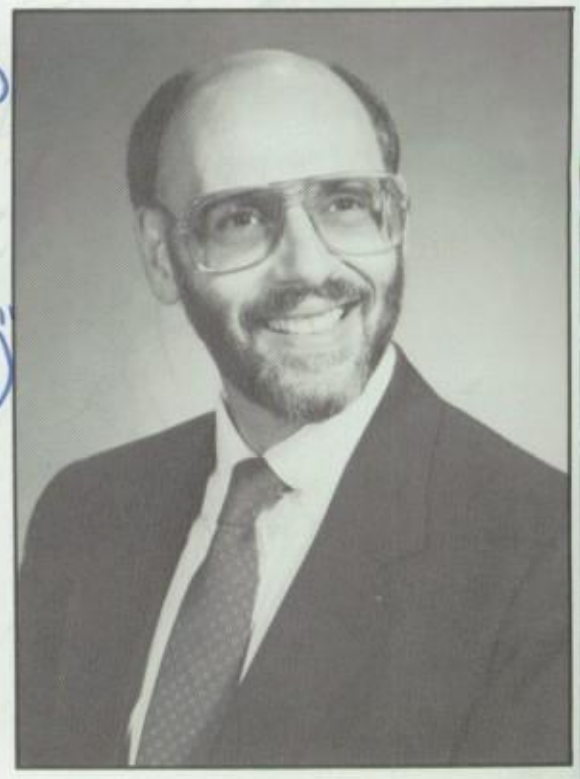
What a piece of work is a man! how noble in reason! how infinite in faculty! in form and moving how express and admirable! in action how like an angel! in apprehension how like a god! the beauty of the world! the paragon of animals!

Hamlet (Act II, Scene II)



Ramapo past and present. Former principal Mr. Howard Jacobs pays a friendly visit to new principal Mr. John Lane.

Mrs. Karen Fowlkes, Assistant Principal



Mr. Bruce Snider, Assistant Principal

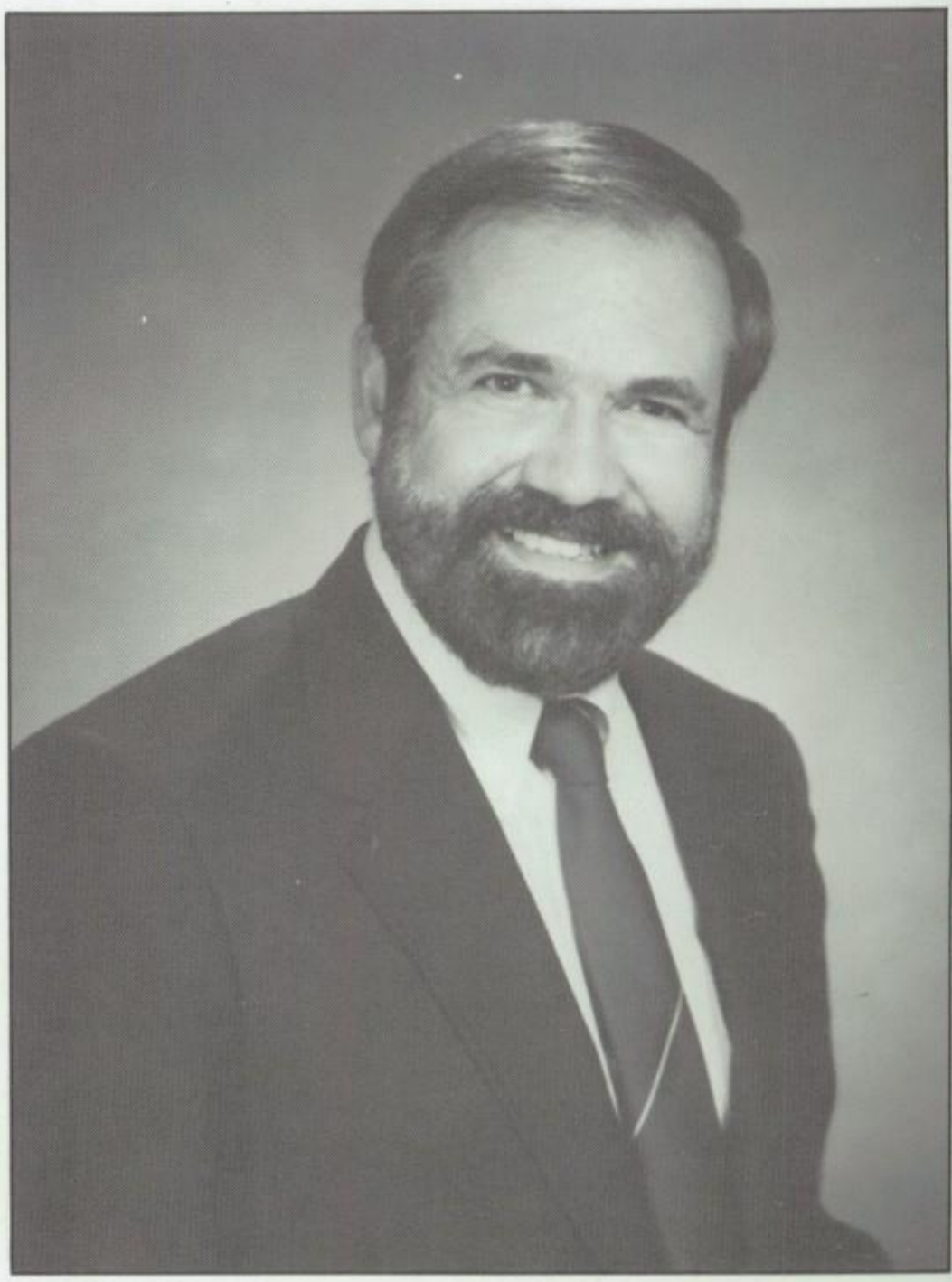
To Top It Off

Ramapo Senior High School welcomes three new administrators: Principal John D. Lane and assistant principals Mrs. Karen Fowlkes and Mr. Bruce Snider. Mr. Snider is the most recent addition to the relatively new administrative staff.

Ramapo said a fond farewell to Mr. Howard Jacobs, who resigned the office of principal in 1983. In the middle of last year, Mr. Lane took the helm at Ramapo. Since this time, dramatic changes in school policy concerning teachers and students have ensued. With the support of Mrs. Fowlkes and Mr. Snider, Mr. Lane has succeeded in improving Ramapo's academic standards.

Mr. Lane, Mr. Snider and Mrs. Fowlkes work well together and new policies have been effectively initiated. Discipline and organization were prime concerns. These new policies included attendance, classroom behavior and teaching. Mr. Lane's primary concerns dealt with the correct learning atmosphere.

Ramapo Senior High School offers its heartiest welcome to newcomer Mr. Snider, and is proud of the dedication and genuine interest in Ramapo that Mr. Lane and Mrs. Fowlkes have already shown.

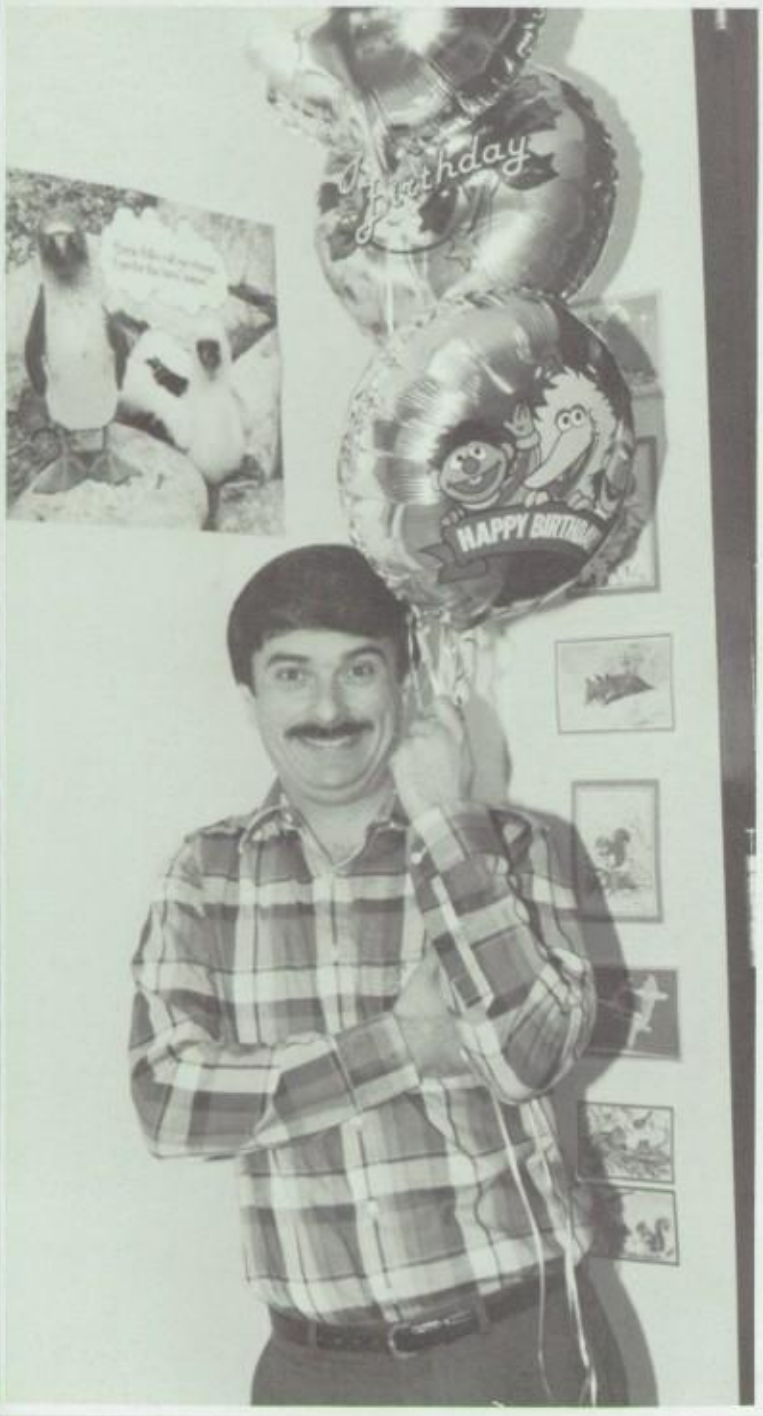


Mr. John D. Lane, Principal

Deidre Allen
Special Service
Anthony Amoriello
Health, Golf
Henry Arrington
Afro-American Hist., American Studies
Joyce Arvanetes
Spanish

Lois Bashoff
Bus. Math, Fash. Mdse., Personal Keyboard
Ruth Berlin
Guidance Counselor, Modified Research, Quest
Elizabeth Blauman
English 10, 12
Susan Bordainick
Physical Ed.

Willis Bosch
Calculus, Comp Math, Math 12
John Bristow
Chairman, Eur. Hist., Foreign Exch.
Paula Brodsky
Foods
John Buckley
Comp. Math, Math 2, PSAT



Math Matters

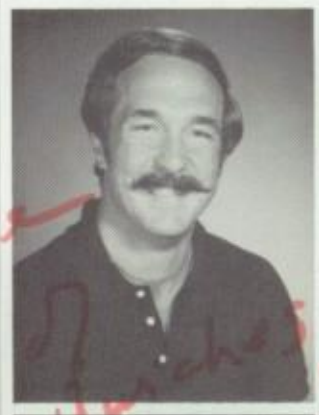
With his exceptional sense of humor, Mr. Coplon is one of Ramapo's favorite mathematics teachers. In order to start his students thinking he puts a "puzzle of the day" (otherwise known as a wacky wordy) on the board. Students spend endless hours studying for his tests in order to receive a penguin sticker on the top of their paper; a well deserved reward that accompanies only the grade of 100.

Mr. Coplon's interest in animals is well known; he is an active member of both the Audobon Society and the National Wildlife Society.

With a unique ability to de-mystify math, Mr. Coplon's teaching methods can be experienced in Calculus and Computer Math at Ramapo. He has always had an interest in Math but was undecided about his major in college. After majoring in Chemistry and Physics he returned to his original love-Mathematics.

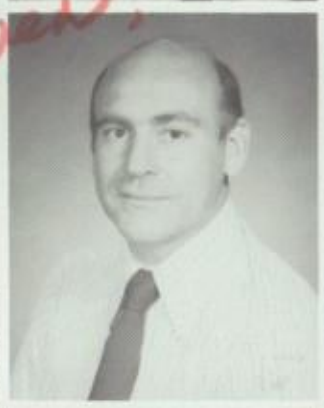
He advises students to get a good liberal arts education and then specialize in their field of interest. He also says that they should "try to strike a balance between academics and social pursuits." He considers cleverly solved problems to be masterpieces in themselves.

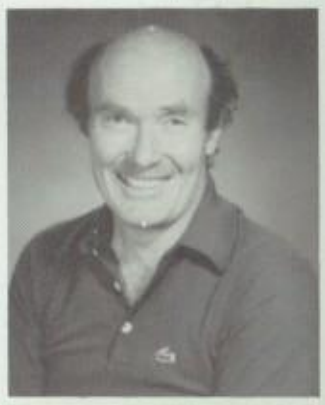
Filled with hot air. Some folks call Mr. Quentin Coplon strange, but we prefer the term "unique."



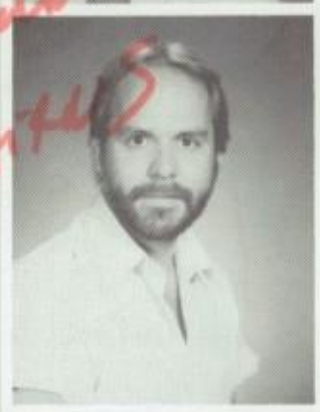
Clark Burkins
Chemistry, Life/Phys. Science
Donald Cairns
U.S.S.R.
Ralph Calabrese
Math 1, 3, 12

Joyce Call
Biology
Thomas Canty
I.P.C.
Joseph Carroll
Guidance Counselor

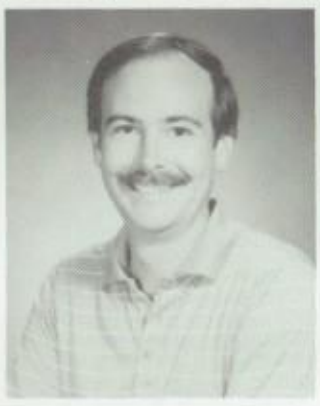


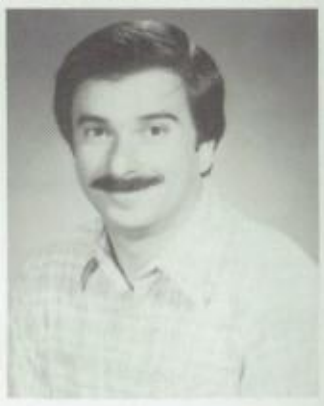


Esther Cember
S.C.S/C.A.P., N.H.S.
Patricia Christopher
E.S.L.
Morton Cohen
Guidance Counselor, Dir. - Obj. Tests and College Bds.



Robert Coleman
English 10, 11, Writ. R.C.T.
Michael Collins
Computer Math
Quentin Coplon
Calculus, Comp. Math, School Store



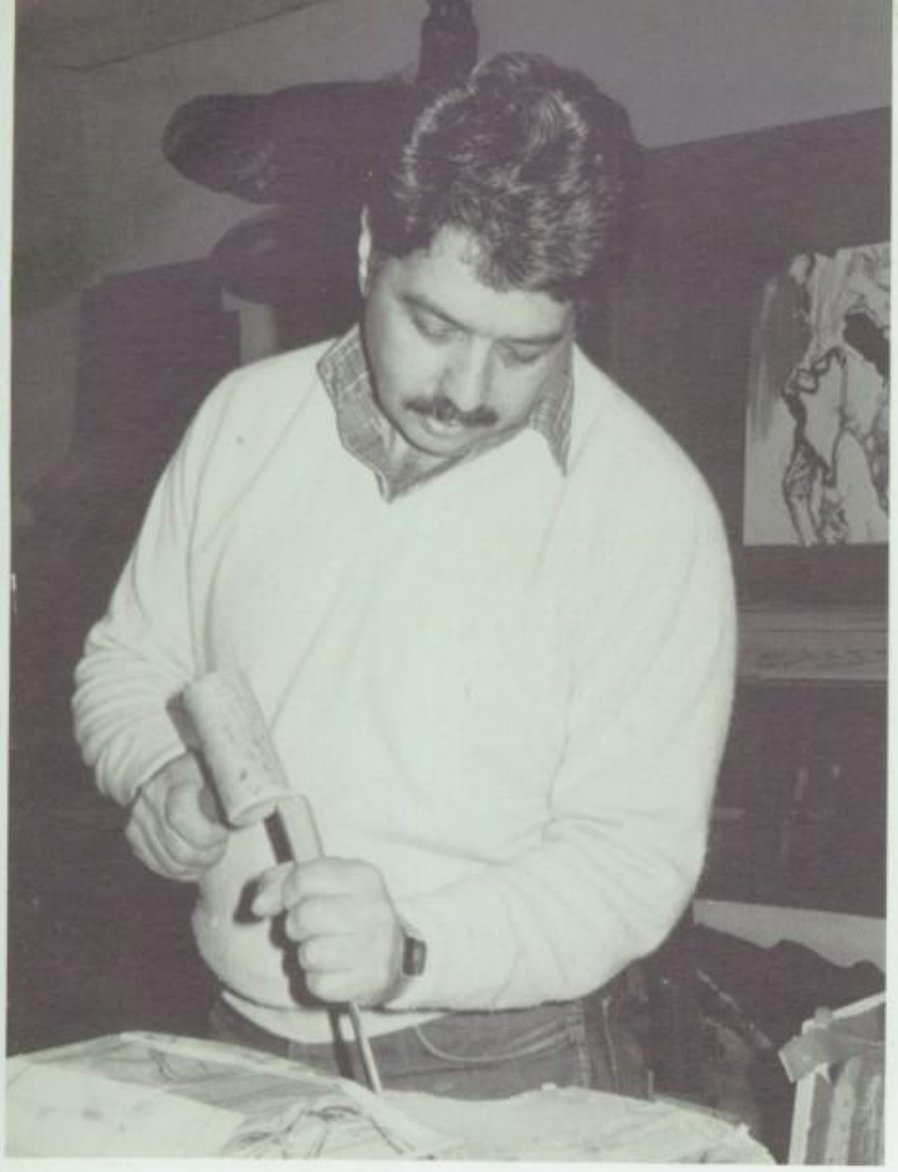


Educating Rita

After eighteen years, Mrs. Rita Davis, one of Ramapo's original faculty members, is proud to continue the Humanities course she founded. She also teaches a tenth grade honors social studies course. Her most rewarding accomplishment, however, is her English as a Second Language class. She says, "they have motivation and an interest in learning. It is most refreshing." After school, she is faculty adviser for the Intercultural Club. These are students from all over the world - India, Pakistan, Korea, Vietnam, Haiti, Spain, and the Phillipines. This club, like all others at Ramapo, will advertise their membership through shirts and a fundraising dinner.

Mrs. Davis began teaching because she enjoys working with young people, to learn from them as they do from her. From viewing the transition of Ramapo from the beginning to the present, Mrs. Davis feels that we have not yet become a masterpiece, but have the potential to do so. In the future, "I would like to feel someday we could be unified. But first we need an acceptance of each other for who we are."

You can take it with you. Serving her hall duty, Mrs. Rita Davis makes sure she brings plenty of work to keep her busy.



Wood you believe it? Mr. Gangemi is hard at work chiseling a body out of wood.

Thou Art Creative

In 1968, Mr. Sevy Gangemi became a big addition to the relatively small Ramapo Art Department. With his strong background in engineering and architecture, he quickly became an integral part of the department. After high school, he attended Purdue University on an engineering scholarship, as well as eleven other universities where he took a countless number of courses.

His philosophy is that it does not matter where you learn, as long as you learn. Mr. Gangemi thoroughly enjoys art. He takes great pride in watching and helping his students learn as much as possible about art. With this purpose in mind, he tailors his art classes to the individual students and teaches them on a one-to-one basis. Above all, Mr. Gangemi wants his students to enjoy learning what he enjoys teaching.

In the words of Mr. Gangemi, "A masterpiece will never be known in its own time."

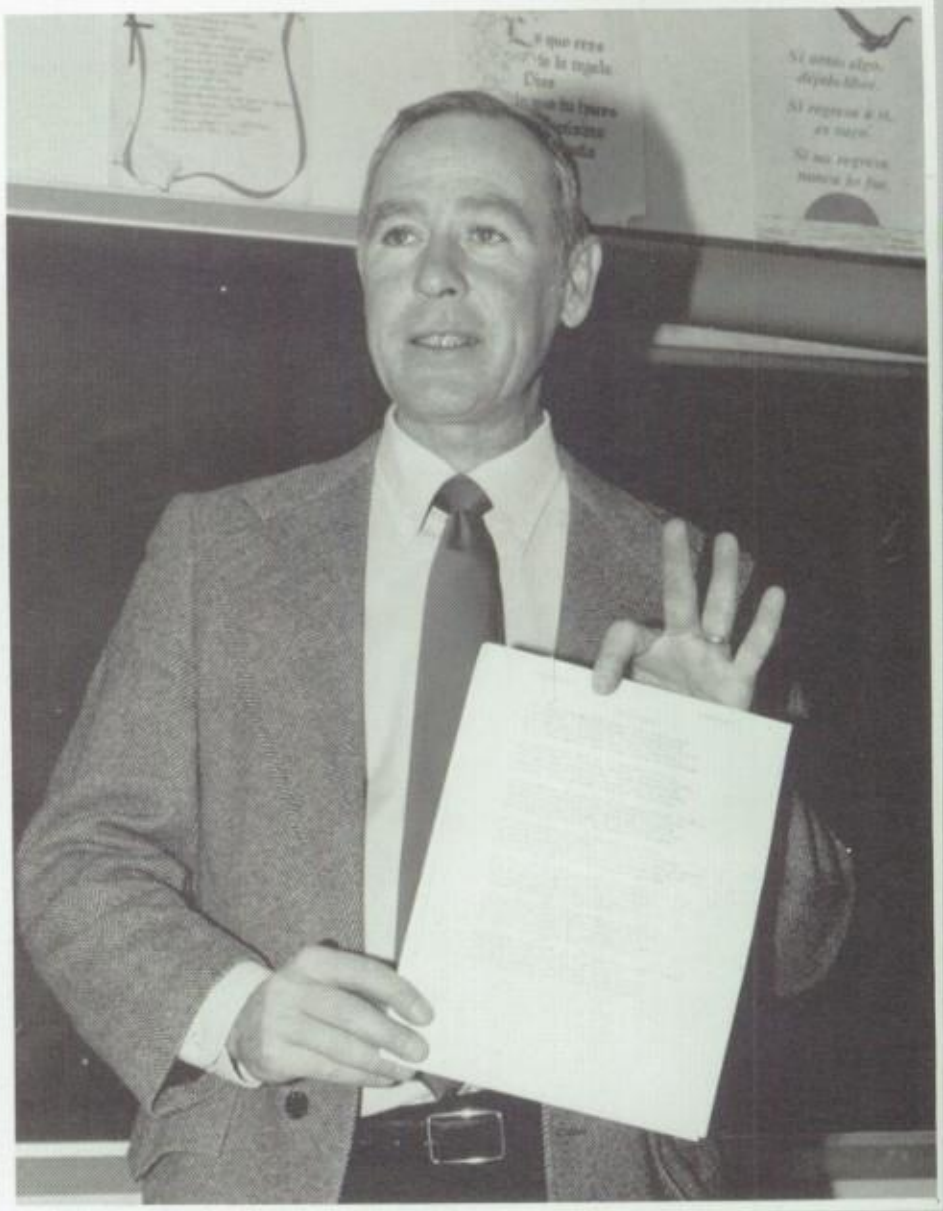
Thomas Curran
Eur. Hist., Psychology
George Darden
Dean, E.S.L. Sci., Mod. Bio.
Rita Davis
E.S.L. Hist., Eur. Hist., Humanities, I.C.C.
Solomon Davis
Physics

Naomi Diamond
Chairman, Math
John Doellinger
English 11, 12, Term Paper
Mario Donatelli
Italian, Italian Club, Lit. Mag., Soccer
Louis Donato
American Studies

Elodie Driscoll
Chemistry, Projects
William Dunn
Eur. Hist., Int. Relations
Ruth Elkind
Resource Room
Noah Fields
Biology, Swimming

Tall Standards

Mr. John Short is a member of Ramapo's original staff. He has held the position of chairman of the Foreign language department since the start and teaches French classes. His French instruction began at the junior high level, originating beginning French study. Mr. Short places high importance on the study not only of the language but the culture and customs of French civilization. He expresses a deep sense of pride in the depth and quality of his department. Mr. Short states, "Ramapo offers more advanced placement courses in a foreign language than almost any other high school in the country." This outstanding individual and dedicated chairman had placed "tall" demands on his department, which in turn made Ramapo's Foreign Language department what it is today.



A short story. Mr. John Short shows his class a literary masterpiece in French.

Patricia Fleming
Dance

Barbara Galy
Librarian

Sevy Gangemi
Art, Comp. Graphics

Arnold Gelman
Jewish Hist., Psychology

Arthur Gilbert
Business Law, Mgmt., Math, Mktg.

Josephine Goldberg
Reading Lab

Uriel Goldsmith
Chairman, Chemistry

Hugh Goley
European History

Lorene Goodman-Jayson
Eng. 10, Media, Media Club

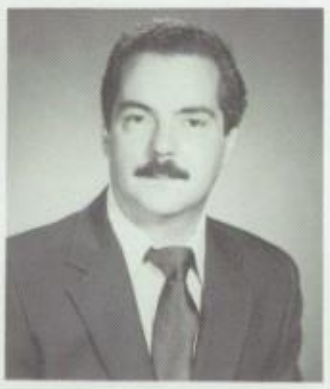
Lucille Goodman
French

Louise Grabell
Biology

Shirley Grabstein
Reading

Bernard Gross
Biology, Ecology, Physiology
Howard Gulker
Acctg., Bookpg., Business-Law, Math
Kent Halsey
American Studies, Quest

Ronald Hamburg
Math 2, 3
Deborah Hill
E.S.L.
Frank Hirth
Am. St., Career Ed., Sociology



Jay Horowitz
Chemistry, Space Science
Dorothy Huber
English 11, 12
Frank Isgro
E.S.L., French

Athena Kachulis
Comp. Math, E.S.L. Math, Math 3
Ronald Kaczala
Life/Phys. Science, M.C.P., Phys.
Phyllis Kass
Comp. Math, Math 1, 12, Mu Alpha Theta

In focus. Mrs. Marvin experiments with her microscope and specimens as Kun Soo Ahn watches with interest.

Remarkable Marvin

During the four years that Mrs. Sally Marvin has been working at Ramapo as a biology teacher, she has been successful in providing students with a productive working environment and a comfortable atmosphere for learning. Mrs. Marvin is a special teacher because she believes that students come first and deals with them on a personal level. She considers teaching more of a hobby than a job because she enjoys it so much.

This science teacher, wife, and mother, is also adviser for the Medical Career Group. She feels that this organization allows young people to explore the medical field with a career objective in mind.

Mrs. Marvin considers this year's class a very warm and sincere group whose talents motivate each other to different goals. A masterpiece, according to Mrs. Marvin, is "an individual, male or female, who exhibits cetain special qualities: someone who is kind, understanding, and motivated to reach a goal of significance that will be beneficial to himself and society." She went on to say that she feels there are many masterpieces graduating this year.

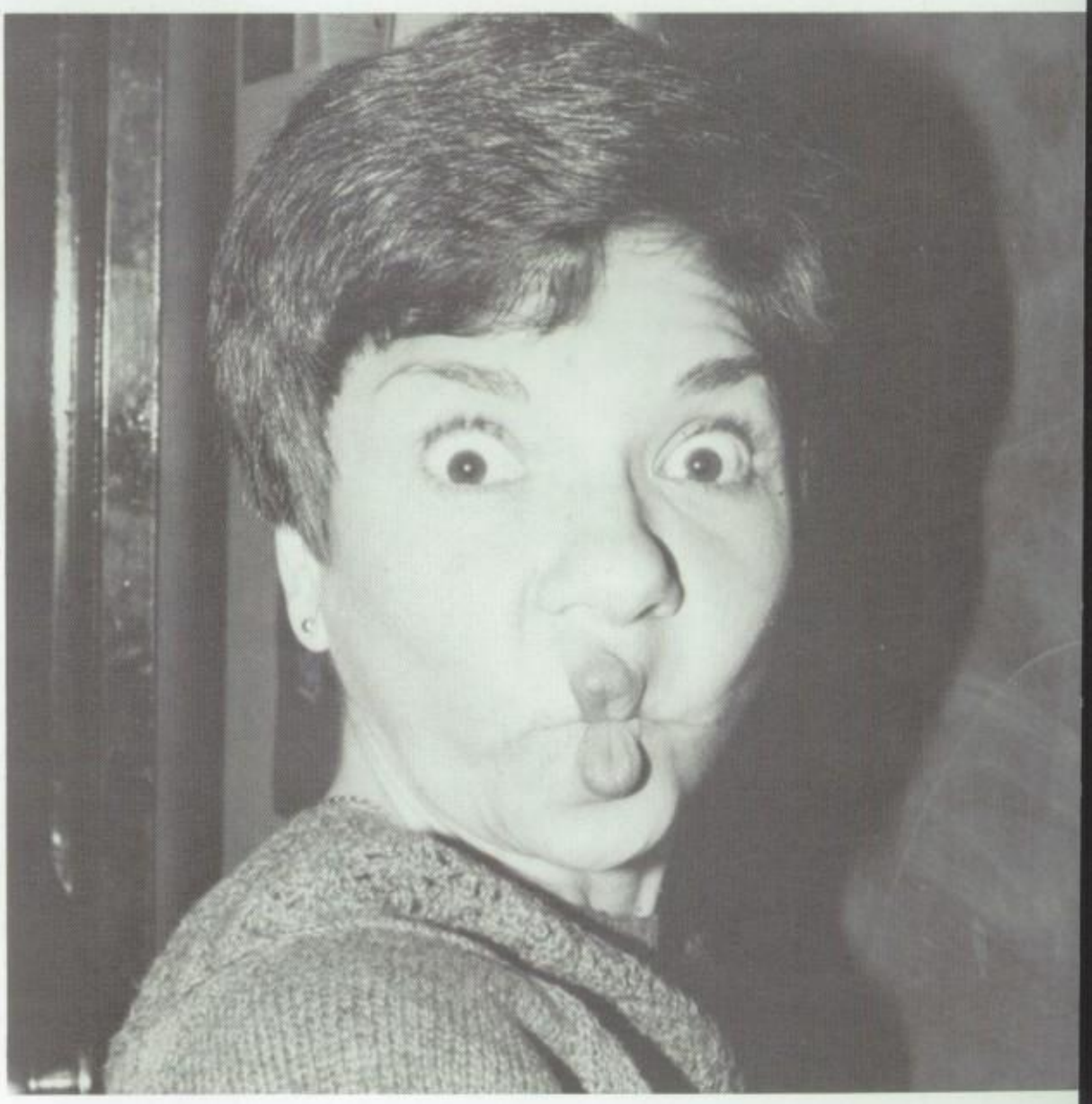
Ronald Kawesch
Int. Alg., Math 1, 3, Sr. Class
Richard Kemmelman
Math 2, 3, School Treasurer
Abby Klayman
School Community Counselor
Cheryl Knapp
Infant/Toddler Care, Underst. Pre-Schlrs.

Andrea Koenig
English 10, 11
Robert Kreps
Advertising Design, Art
Charles Kwitchoff
Power Mach., Woodwkg.
Vicki Langenmayer
Chairman, Phys. Ed.

Dear Adam:
Be happy!
I'll miss your
Best of luck
to you always.
Love
S. Lee

Adam—
You're a "piece of work" —
but a nice one. Best wishes
Mrs. L.

Eivoer Lazaar
French, German
Sophy Lee
Foods
Lois Levine
Family Living, Foods, Home Furnishings
Martin Levine
Am. St., Eur. Cult., Middle East



The Write Stuff

Proper, grammatical usage of the English language transcends the norm in Ramapo due to the efforts of Mrs. Phyllis Maloy. This devoted teacher has been working with the Ramapo English staff since 1969.

Mrs. Maloy left the Ramapo teaching staff for two years to gain educational experience working in the Bradford Junior College Admissions Office. At the end of this two year period Mrs. Maloy decided she enjoyed teaching more and she returned to Ramapo. "I found working with students more rewarding," she said.

In literature, Mrs. Maloy described a masterpiece as being, "A work that has something to say to a variety of people throughout time."

Mrs. Maloy believes that Ramapo's many faceted students contribute to our living masterpiece with their remarkably different outlooks on life. With her careful guidance students move towards a more perfect existence, which is another level of a living masterpiece.

Funny face. An exhausting day at Ramapo takes its toll on Mrs. Maloy.

On key. Mrs. McDowell forms a five part harmony with Jason Brown, Elizabeth Vianna, Lisa Umbar, and Meredith Wilson.

McMusic

Mrs. Pat McDowell has made a great impact on vocal music at Ramapo. Her devoted instruction and attention has encouraged Ramapo students to reach thier full potential. Previously, she was musical director at Nyack High School and now has the job of choral director here at Ramapo; the job she really wanted. She teaches music theory and accompanies the show and concert choir.

Out of school Mrs. McDowell is the organist and director of her church choir, and plays piano in the Big Band Sun Machine. She finds music to be so important, not just for her, but for all people. She considers it a medium of expression for performers and listeners alike. Students have broadened her appreciation in that they have enabled her to appreciate all music form Mozart to Mills. Mrs. McDowell feels that without music she would have lived a very deprived life, for it is not only her vocation, but her hobby.

From her ten years of teaching, Mrs. McDowell had determined a musical masterpiece "as one that stands the test of time, whether it be a Beethoven Symphony, Jerome Kern's 'All the Things You Are,' or Weather Report's 'Birdland.' " She feels music to be a necessity in life for all to enjoy.

Gerald Levitus
Physical Education
MaryAnn Liscio
Bus. Software, Dist. Ed., Start Your Own Bus.
George Longobardi
Eng. 11, 12, P.S.A.T., N.H.S., S.A.C., Yearbook Acad. League, PTA Rep.

Thomas Loughlin
Ceramics, Metal
Phyllis Maloy
English 10, 11
Martin Pfeffer
Basic Math, Cons. Law, E.S.L. Key., Pshl. Math.

Sally Marvin
Biology, Medical Career Group
Virginia McCauley
English 12
Carol McCormick
Dean, Comp. Bus., Data Proc., Gymnonettes

Patricia McDowell
Choir, Music Theory
James Meany
Librarian
Howard Mion
Adv. Alg., Math 2, 3, P.S.A.T., Trig.

It was a pleasure having you as a student
May all your dreams come True Pfeffer.

Dear Adam,
The year has been
a pleasure
and an experience knowing
you over the years
It's a pleasure
Best of luck to you in
College next year
Sincerely,
Mrs. McCormick

The Truth From Ruth

Counseling students is nothing new to Mrs. Ruth Berlin. East Ramapo has been honored with her talents as a guidance counselor for six years. Not only has this skilled counselor given guidance to students, but she has broadened their horizons through eleven years of teaching. One student commented by saying that Mrs. Berlin is "simply an amazing person as well as being a superior guidance counselor." Although teaching many students inspired her, Mrs. Berlin felt that working with individuals and small groups was more rewarding. Helping people is a life long career for her.

Mrs. Berlin enjoys reading Ernest Hemingway and listening to Mozart in her leisure time. She also enjoys vacationing in Maine and sitting on the beach, listening to the surf.

Students at Ramapo are most fortunate to have the services of such a dedicated and sensitive person.

Gifted guidance counselor. Lisa Rubinfeld expresses her gratitude to Mrs. Ruth Berlin for a job well done.

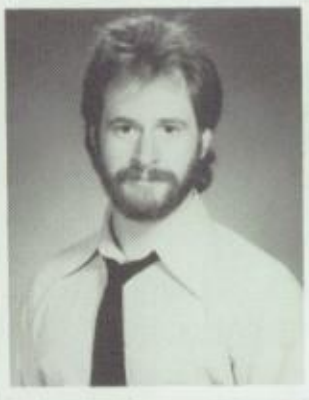
Mary Miroff
Biology
Martin Morris
Biology, Genetics, Zoology
Richard Mullin
Chairman, English 11, Gryphon

Rosalind Myerowitz
Resource Room
Margaret Nosach
Spanish
William O'Keefe
Spanish

Ike Pauling
S.T.E.P.
Albion Payson
Math 1, 2, Intro. to Calc., Math Team, Soccer
Stephen Perell
African St., Eur. St., Sociology

Paul Plotnick
School Psychologist
James Pollard
Phys. Ed.
Gordon Rauer
Economics, Foster Parents

Roberta Reisner
Reading
Barbara Resnick
English 10, 12
Madeline Reyes
E.S.L.
Mark Rinis
Drama, Eng. 10, 11, Publ. Spkg.



Norma Rodriguez
Apanish, Sp. Lit. Club, Sr. Class
Allan Rosenberg
Audio-Visual
Phyllis Rovinsky
Foods, Mechanical Drawing
Glenn Rubin
Music Comp., Theory

Muriel Sachs
Bus. Dynamics, Shorthand, Spd. Writing
Charles Scarpulla
Phys. Ed., Football
Stanley Shalkop
Accounting, Word Processing
Tanya Sherman
English 11, 12, P.S.A.T., Writing Wkshp.

Official business. With pen in hand, Mr. Howard Gulker begins the day.

Getting Down To Business

Howard Gulker has always enjoyed the excitement of big business. He finds teaching College Accounting and Business Law to be equally as stimulating and rewarding. A graduate of Adelphi University in 1964, he especially enjoys dealing with students on a day to day basis. Mr. Gulker also spends his summers working with students who are staff members at Blue Rill Day Camp, which he owns and operates. He finds it to be a pleasant contrast to the school year.

Mr. Gulker thinks this class is unique in that the students are bright, ambitious, and anxious to succeed. He considers them "a pleasure to be with." Mr. Gulker believes the prime factors contributing to a masterpiece in business are "great talent, hard work, and a little bit of luck."

Frances Silber
English 10, 11
Arlene Sinansky
English 10, 11, 12, Key Club
Fred Stern
Electricity, Mech. Drawing, Woodwkg.
Frank Tampany
Guidance Counselor

Vincent Virgilio
Concert Band, Jazz Workshop, Marching Band
Charlotte Wasserman
Comp. Math, Math 1
Edward Weber
Guidance Counselor
Milton Weinberg
Hebrew

Doris Weiner
English 10, 11
Loretta Weinstein
Keyboard, Shorthand
Walter Widmer
Biology
Rosalind Yonis
Health

Let It Shine

Walking through the halls of Ramapo one can see why the school store might do a booming business selling sunglasses and sunvisors. For all of the faculty at Ramapo are special, but some of them "shine" in their own unique way.

With their bald heads, it seems that these teachers have formed a sort of undeclared and informal club, an elite and prestigious group whose members are all bald or balding. When some of these distinguished gentlemen gathererd together for a photograph, the comradery that effused through the group was most evident, as if they shared some special bond.

Is it merely coincidental that a great majority of these men are a part of our science department? Many theories have been tried and tested concerning this issue. Possibly baldness is a qualification for male science teachers here at Ramapo. Maybe they have all pulled their hair out in frustration while explaining simple scientific formulas to students for the five-thousandth, two-hundreth and twenty-second time. Anything is possible.

Despite our teasing, we must admit that their lack of hair has not diminished their teaching abilities in the least. We are happy to have them as our teachers and friends. We love these guys!

Bald eagles. Do you know what these Ramapo teachers have in common?

Off the top of their heads. The first official photograph of Ramapo's Baldy Club: Officers from "top" to bottom: Mr. Gross, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Burkins, Mr. Fields, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Widmer.

Staff

Can we talk? Mrs. Quinones, the principal's secretary, has to do two things at once in order to keep the school running smoothly.

Dolores Aldrich
Programming

Florence Bernfeld
Main Office

Elizabeth Betz
Guidance Office

Barbara Camenares
Special Service

Barbara Cardinale
Kitchen

Shelley Decker
Guidance Office

Ann Edwards
Kitchen

Helena Epstein
Security

Riva Fishbey
Computer Aid

Mary Furia
Security

Fae Grosse
Nurse

Carmela Kiddell
Security

Gladys Lawrence
Main Office

Marylin Liebowitz
Main Office

Gloria Miele
Security

Luz Mazano
Kitchen

Labor Of Love

Anyone who visits Ramapo will be welcomed by the cheerful smile of Mrs. Helen Epstein. This vivacious lady can be found each morning at a desk by the main entrance. She truly enjoys working with the students of Ramapo and thinks of her job as a "labor of love."

Volunteering at Good Samaritan Hospital and exercising three or four times a week help to keep Mrs. Epstein very busy. She is also involved with the Foreign Exchange program as she loves to travel.

Mrs. Epstein considers this year's senior class to be one of the most talented and versatile groups Ramapo has seen in years. Her idea of a masterpiece is, "an important lasting image which a senior class should leave behind when they graduate and go on in life."

Better late than never. Late notes must be checked upon entering the school by Mrs. Helen Epstein.

The Guiding Light

Frosty the snowman. Mrs. Betz takes time out to add a little holiday decoration to the Guidance Office.

Mrs. Elizabeth Betz, guidance office receptionist, helped serve the students and faculty with a smile. Whether making appointments, giving advice, or supplying information, Mrs. Betz kept the guidance office in order throughout the year. Her careful planning allowed students to have ample time with their guidance counselors when crises arose.

Her largest contribution this year, to most seniors, was the processing of college applications. She took care of the monotony of running off transcripts, activities, and standardized test scores. Besides this, she was tormented by the deadlines the Early Decision candidates had to make. But Mrs. Betz survived, and thankfully all of our colleges received what was needed.

Contrary to the cold impressions people have of offices, Ramapo's Guidance Office offers students the personal attention they need and deserve. Much of this can be attributed to the dedication and interest of Mrs. Betz. She made the students' problems and interests her own, and was a friend willing to help rather than someone merely doing her job.

Mary O'Kane
Kitchen
Iris Quinones
Main Office
Karen Rosen
E.S.L.
Rhoda Rosen
Guidance Office

Sam Schwartz
Security
Roslyn Sherman
Security
Irene Silberg
Main Office

Judah Silberman
Security
Lilian Weber
Library Assistant
Barbra Wohl
Dean Secretary

At The Top

The 1985 Board of Education began the school year by setting up several major goals. They succeeded in achieving and implementing each one of these rigid objectives. A complete, in depth investigation into the possibility of reorganizing various aspects of our school system was set up. Several possibilities for improving the district budget, while maintaining a high standard of excellence in the district, were examined. Public relations were improved, and programs were initiated to improve standardized test scores within the district. The Board was also influential in reaching a contract agreement with the teachers union that was satisfactory to all parties concerned. These caring people were not paid for the work they did, but out of a deep sense of commitment and dedication, volunteered their time and energy for the sake of students.

So much could not possibly have been accomplished without the skillful leadership of Dr. Jack R. Anderson, our Superintendent of Schools. In this, his eighth year, Dr. Anderson guided the district with an emphasis on the future.

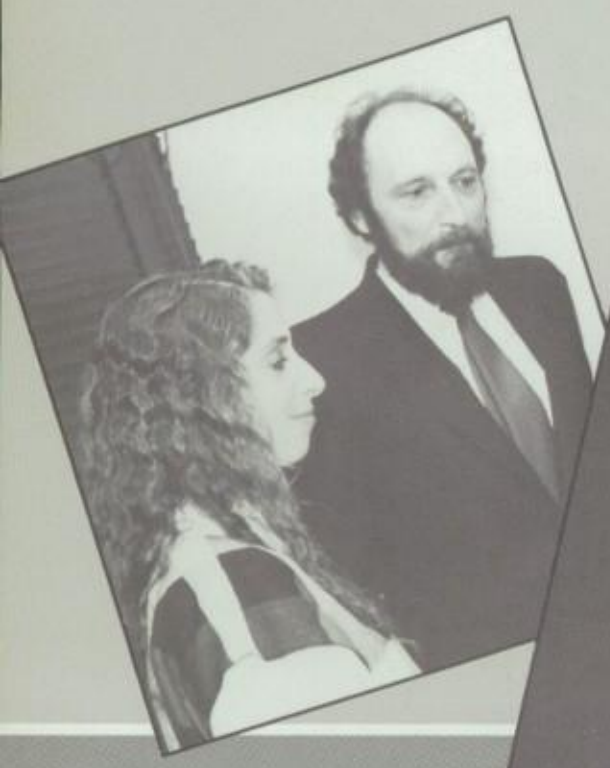
Mr. Weissberg At Work

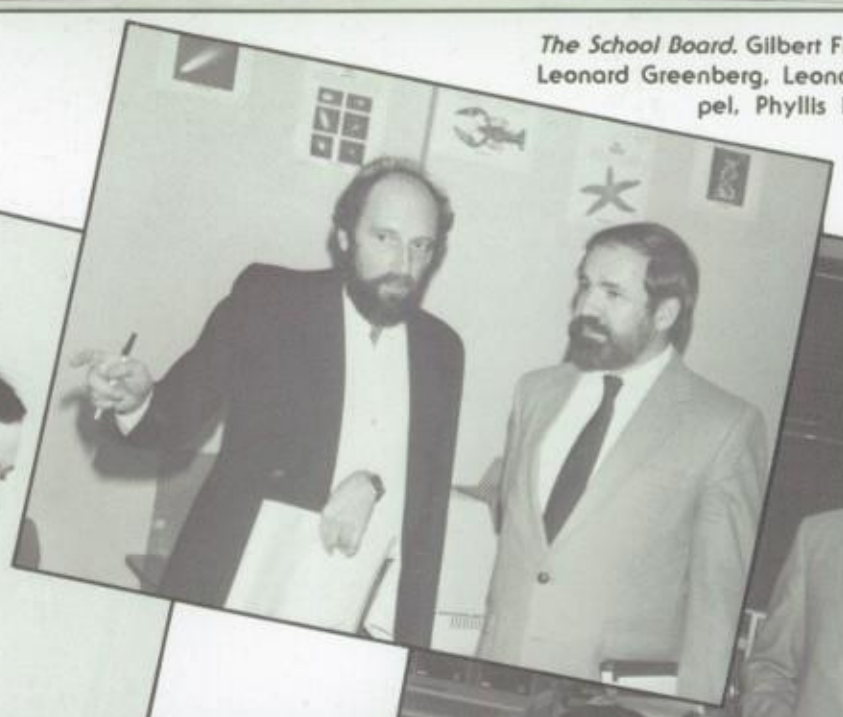
The presence of Mr. Alan Weissberg, Director at Secondary Education, was often felt in Ramapo this year. He could frequently be seen touring the school, meeting with students, and sitting in on classes. He was always well informed of the problems and needs of the student body, thus he was better able to make decisions and initiate projects to benefit the school. While in school he took a look at some of the special features that make our high school a rich and resourceful learning center. Mr. Weissberg discussed aspects of the media program with Mrs. Lorraine Goodman-Jayson. He also listened to some tunes at WRAM, observed new teaching methods in progress, and examined some state of the art technology in the computer rooms.

Leader of the pack. Dr. Jack Anderson is influential in initiating new policies at Ramapo.

Man about town. Mr. Alan Weisberg's face is frequently seen at Ramapo.

The School Board. Gilbert Fruchter, Catherine Corless, Leonard Greenberg, Leonard Projansky, Rhoda Appel, Phyllis Hoffman, Joan Short, Hal Block, and Georgine Hyde.



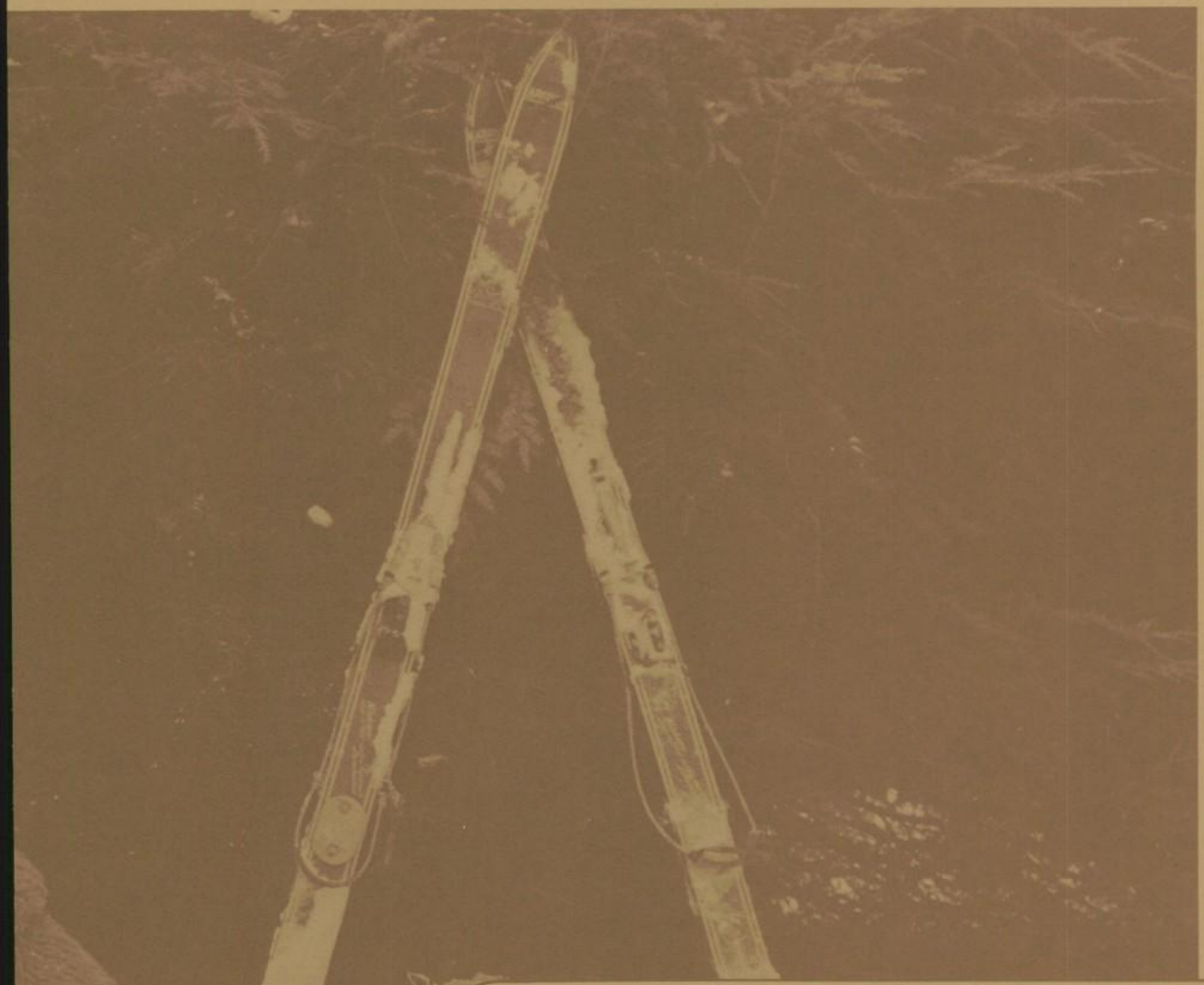


A Perfect Balance

Gryphon fever-catch it! Permeating every Ramapo activity is the Gryphon spirit.

If fundamental classes such as math and English were a drawing, extracurricular activities would fill the page with color. Extracurricular activities at Ramapo provided the resources for students to explore their talents. This year, dozens of clubs and organizations worked vigorously to produce publications, provide services for others, gain experience in a field of interest, or provide recreational activity. Through fundraising; the energy, motivation, and creative talent of Ramapo's students, organizations enjoyed field trips and interesting speakers. Dedicated faculty advisers helped make the various after school activities worthwhile and fun.

Extracurricular school activities gave us the opportunity to gain self-awareness and interact with others. Cooperation and self-expression were exercised in a balance



that resulted in satisfaction and self-improvement. Participation in one or many of the following clubs and organizations enhanced our education and gave us a chance to learn about human nature through practical application. The enthusiastic involvement of the student body in organizations richly colored our short years at Ramapo.

Organizations

Headed In The Right Direction

For the sophomores of Ramapo, the annual Sophomore Orientation program was more than just a chance to get out of classes. It was an opportunity to learn about various extracurricular activities, and decide in which ones they would like to become involved. For many, it was the beginning of some of the most exciting, and interesting experiences of their lives.

Members from over twenty clubs and activities set up booths in the gymnasium for the Sophomore Orientation. This event, sponsored annually by the Student Advisory Council, gave sophomores the opportunity to walk by each booth, find out what each club is about, meet the officers and members of the clubs, and ask questions. Many people learned of groups that they never knew existed, and through their involvement in them they found ways of sharing their interests and developing their talents with others.

The Sophomore Orientation program has always been very important to the development of extracurricular activities at Ramapo. The sophomores that participated in this program are the ones who, in two years, will themselves be the presidents and masters of the organizations, instructing the incoming sophomores about the clubs, and thus carrying on the everlasting Ramapo tradition of excellence, unity, and dynamic school spirit!

Put it out. Vincent Florio, Richard Lyman, and Shawn Marshall are ready to explain the techniques of Smokey the Bear.

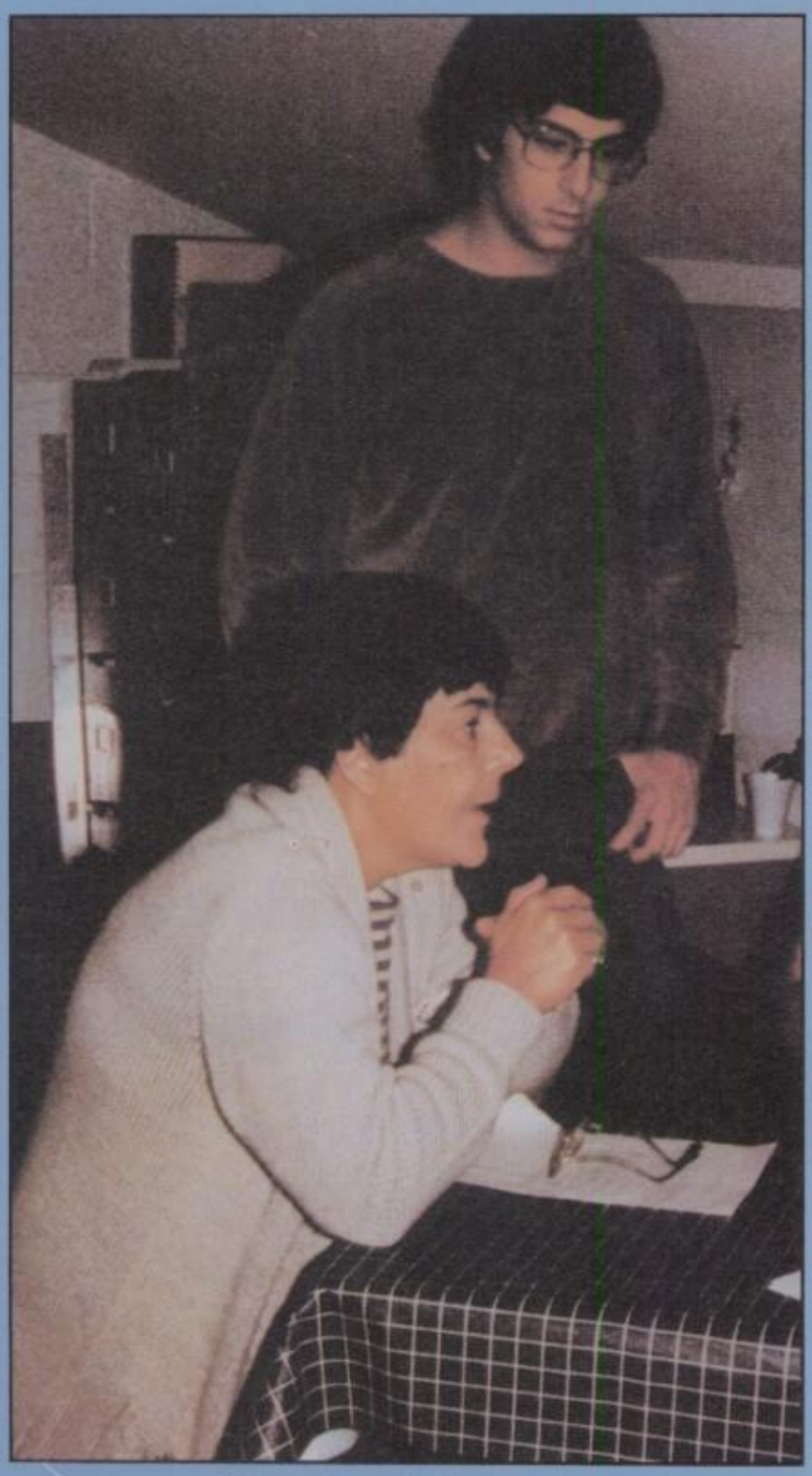
Want a lift? Keith Gulliner, Seth Waldman, Jeff Smith, and Noel Plasker have secured another sophomore for the slopes.

Bathing beauty. Richard Hulnick and Richard Goldstein have convinced Shari Sirota to sign up for the boy's swim team.

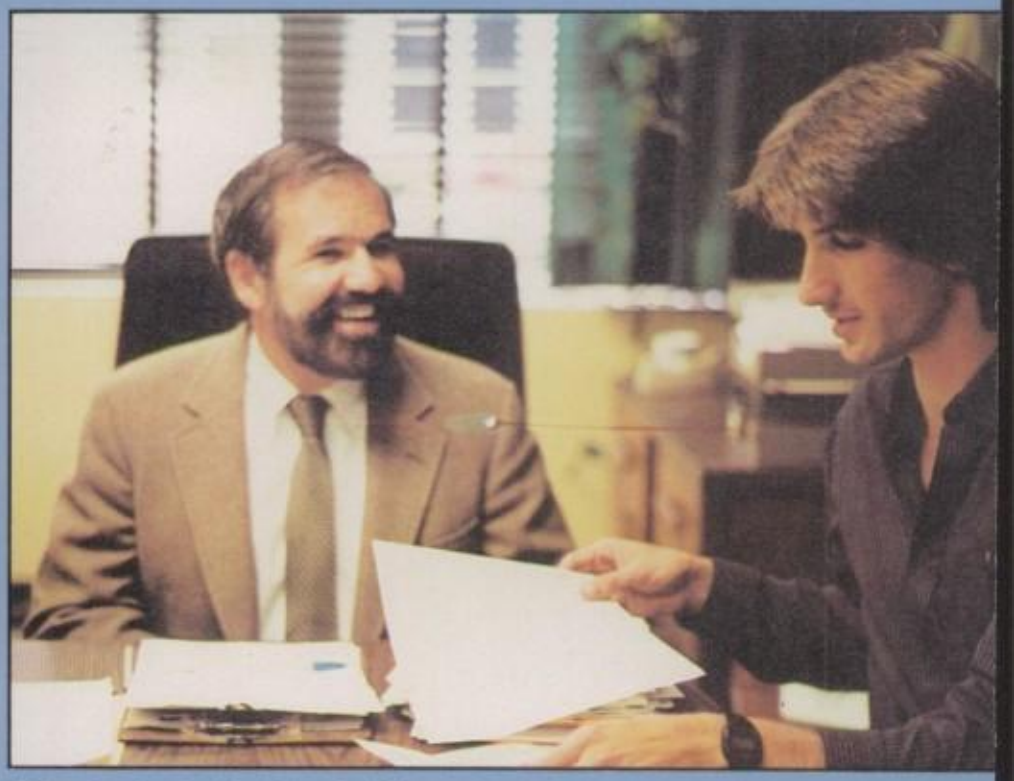
Step right up. The enthusiastic leaders of Ramapo's many diverse clubs, teams, and activities are out to recruit new members from the incoming sophomore class.

Dedicated Diplomats

SACful of leaders. 1985 officers: Barry Weinberger, David Brown, Harry Hochheiser, Ted Sevransky, John Zecca, and Andrew Meyer.



Sparring for spots. SAC tries to convince Mrs. Miele that more parking permits should be issued to seniors.



Follow the leader. President Ted Sevransky works on school policy with Principal Jack Lane.

Student Advisory Council

1985 S.A.C. Members: Bottom row: Barry Weinberger, Andrew Meyer, John Zecca, Ted Sevransky, David Brown, Harry Hochheiser. *2nd row:* Peter Marcus, Michele Weitzenkorn, Eric Knapp, Eric Frank, Stacey Goldfadden, Sherri Gulker, Lauren Meyerson, Joann Down. *3rd row:* Jared Kalina, Diana Ruthen, Mary Ann King, Rosanne Farber, Celeste Lombardi, Melissa Cowan, Brendan Monastersky, Calvin Joubert, John Polisena, Alan Hanstein. *4th row:* Seth Muldow, Tara Levine, Jeff Rosen, Lara Mikulaninec, Alan Pincus, Larry Mayer, Matt Kolakowsky, Jay Orrell, Alan Pincus, Glen Canser, Adam Peltz, Brian Wodar. *5th row (top):* Evan Cowit, Elizabeth Karst, Dawn DeVan, Jeffrey Romanick, Gina Vaccaro, Jeff Schwartz, Joel Caducio, Michael Rosenblut, Wendell Bryant, Nicole Kaplan, Charay Keyes.

Since 1974, Ramapo's Student Advisory Council (SAC) has been involved in making the school better for everyone. This year SAC was even more productive than ever.

Work began for SAC events back in August, when they helped to distribute schedules for incoming students. On the first day of school, SAC insured that all students had schedules and found their classes without any mishaps.

As the year progressed, SAC worked towards a consensus with the administration on several issues. SAC led the fight for an increased number of parking permits. SAC also managed to lift some of the restrictions on bake sales. Their bake sale proposals were evaluated by the administration, and for most of the year clubs were able to sell for increased time periods. SAC also led the fight for a return of morning announcements.

Student's views were also expressed to the Board of Education by SAC. Every other month a Student Board Liason was held, where students from SAC brought up issues of concern to the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, the Director of Secondary Education, and other important administrators. SAC was also involved with the budget process, and made several recommendations as to the use of funds for the following years.

In addition to all of this, SAC performed all of their usual functions. They were in charge of all fundraising, and helped clubs stay afloat through loans and grants. SAC was in charge of the annual sophomore orientation, a huge success, and Spirit Week. They also ran the Student Leadership assembly and co-sponsored the Homecoming Festival. The *SAC Full of News* was distributed bimonthly to keep the school informed of SAC activities. The Students Against Driving Drunk/Safe Rides Committee continued to function through SAC, and SAC sent delegates to each of three statewide leadership conferences. These NYSSSSO conferences were among the highlights of their year, as SAC members came back with a wealth of new ideas for the Council.

The largest Council in history was able to perform many new tasks and functions for the students this year. As SAC works their way into the future, their responsibility will surely continue to increase.

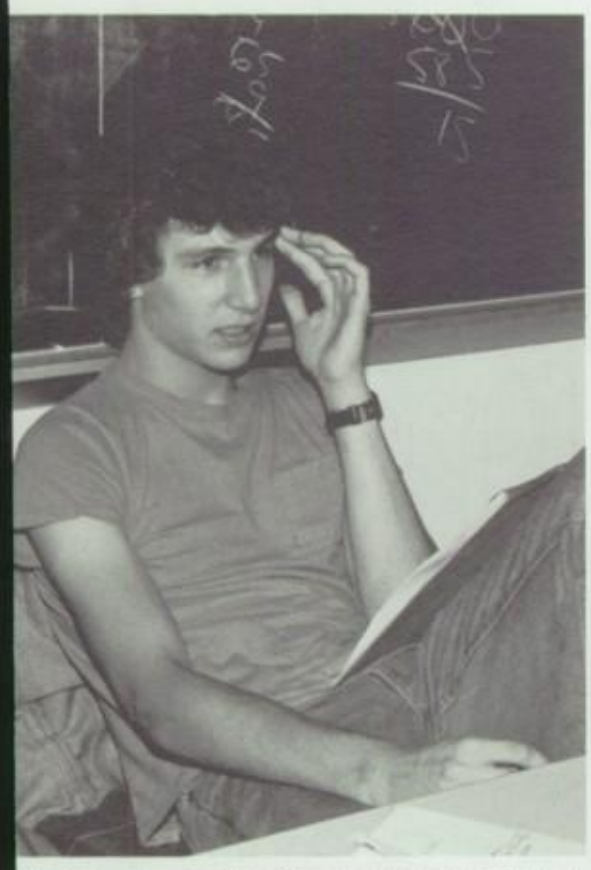
Leaders of the pack. The Junior Class Officers, clockwise from bottom right: Jeff Schwartz, President; Paul Ruderman, Vice President; Sharon Lichtenstein, Secretary; Gary Greenstein, Treasurer.

Climbing The Mountain

This year, the Junior Class Council quickly dispelled the myth that the only purpose for a Junior Class Council is to raise money for the Senior Prom. The members of the Junior Class Council were determined to sponsor a Junior Prom, as well as several dances throughout the year, such as the Halloween Dance. The Council's fundraisers for these events were extremely successful. Their first bake sale more than quadrupled their bank account, and it continued to grow as the year progressed. This unprecedented monetary success can be attributed to the innovative ideas of the Council, such as the all-donut bakesale and the Amazing Junior Class Lightbulb sale. These, as well as the old standbys, car washes and candy sales, helped raise the money to make all the Junior Class-sponsored events truly enjoyable.

The members of the 1985 Junior Class Council, from top left to bottom right: Sharon VanCura, Danny Probert, Stephen Flynn, Jonathan Small, Jeff Schwartz, Andrew Hauptman, Joel Caducio, Joseph Fuld, Rhonda Mednick, Jason Kellerman, Jonathan Greenberg, Eric Weissman, Danny Rubin, Shawn Marshall, Marc Landsman, Sharon Lichtenstein, Paul Ruderman, Loren Turetzky, Jami Waisburd, and Chris Pascarella.

Reaching The Summit



What's going on here? Senior Class Council President Barry Weinberger seems to have completely lost his train of thought.

A sigh of relief echoed throughout the halls of Ramapo as the members of the Senior Class Council heard the news that the soda machines would remain for another school year. Not only would the previous ones remain, but thanks to the determined efforts of the Senior Class Council, a third soda machine was placed outside the gym.

In the spring of the previous year the soda machines had been shut down and fears arose that the price of prom tickets would rise dramatically. The Council voiced these fears to administration, and the machines were once again put into operation.

Fill 'er up. Vice President Lee Burack stocks the soda machine, a profitable venture of the Senior Class Council.

The revenue from the reinstated soda machines, however, was not enough to keep prom tickets low, so the Council set out on other fundraisers. The traditional football game concession stand was even more successful than ever, because of the installation of an electric grill. The Council tried something new this year - the sale of Entertainment '85 discount books which turned out to even more popular than expected.

Although the Senior Class Council spent time and effort to raise money for the prom, perhaps even more time and effort was spent by the Senior Class Prom Committee planning the prom. The committee was in charge of all decisions, ranging from the location of the prom to the color of the napkins.

Without the concerted efforts of the Senior Class Council, events such as football games and the prom would not have been as enjoyable as they were.

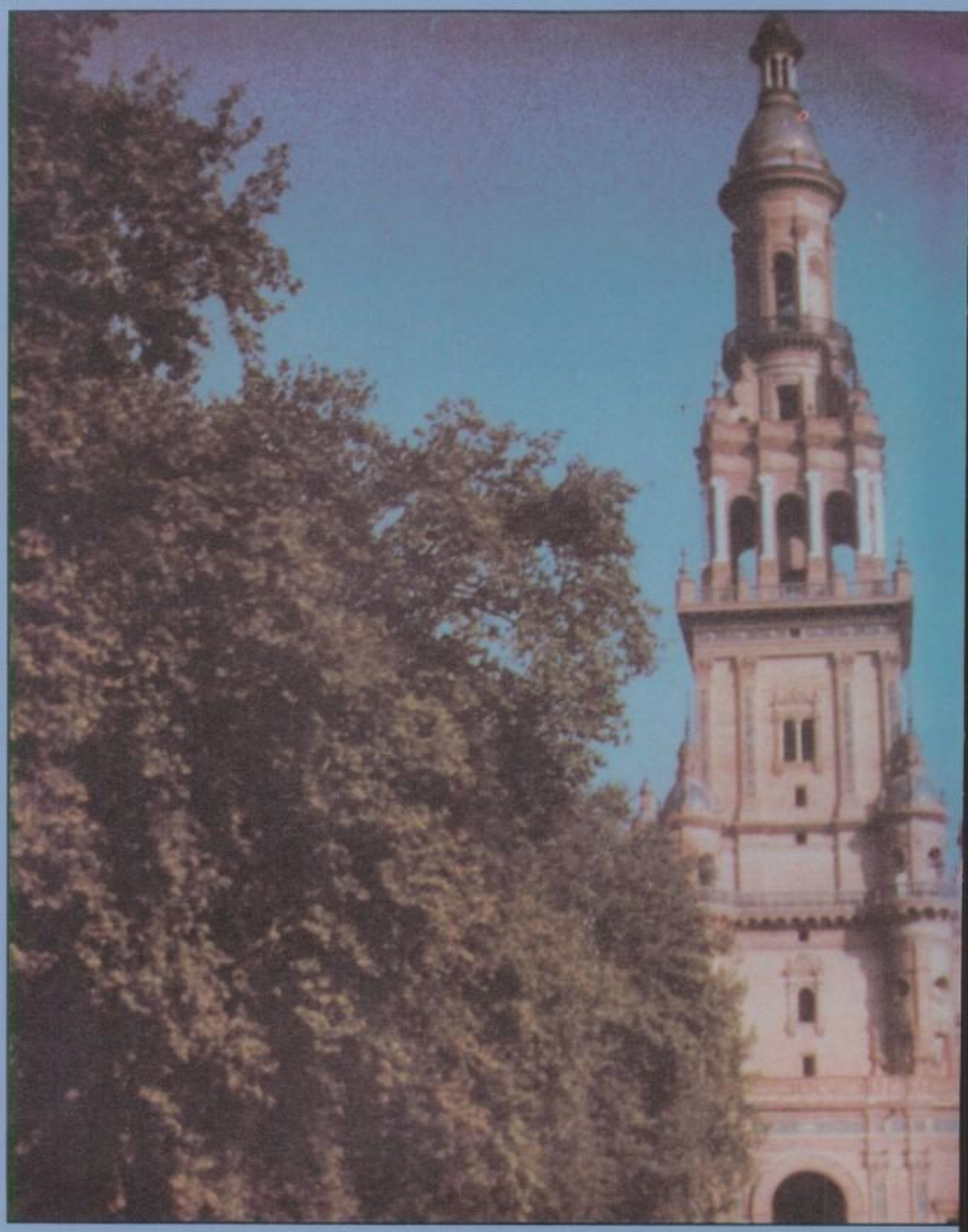
The members of the 1985 Senior Class Council, from top left to bottom right: Michael Backelman, Roni Bloom, Jodi Smith, Stacey Dresdale, Marla Leff, Debbie Branch, Lisa Hersh, Stephen Staudigl, Julio Gallego, Andrea Merolle, Kerith Orol, Geraldine McSweeney, Lauren Cohen, Calvin Joubert, Lynette Rowe, Steven Frank, Jeanine Ercoreca, Robin Jacobson, Lisa Penzac, Stacey Wolf, Lisa Drucker, Karin Goldman, Regina Corless, Wendell Bryant, David Schwartz, Russ Seligman, David Shevlin, Lee Burack, Barry Weinberger, Alexis Kachulis, and David Brown.

An Even Exchange

The heartbeats of many Ramapo students quickened as they were called to board a plane headed for Europe. They were embarking on a very special and unique experience - The Foreign Exchange. As part of the Ramapo Exchange Program, students had the opportunity to test their language skills and become assimilated into a foreign society while in Vigo, Spain; Dourdan, France; and Waiblingen, Germany. During the carefully planned three week trip, students not only toured the country, but also became "adopted" by foreign families and attended foreign schools. Many close friendships were made that still continue via letters, phone calls, and even visits.

Students arriving from Europe to visit Ramapo were equally as enthusiastic about their visit as their host families were. Trips were planned to visit such historic sights as the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. Numerous excursions into the exciting city of New York were made, including a walking tour of Greenwich Village, a ride on the Circle Line, and visits to the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building.

The continuing of the Foreign Exchanges can be attributed to the time and effort of the officers, advisers, and members of the Foreign Exchange Club. We were all helped to better understand the concept of "one world" and the value of human unity in our diversity.



Easily assimilated. Spanish exchange students were welcomed into the homes of Ramapo students.

Awe-inspiring. The breathtaking Bavarian Alps of West Germany was the scenic location for a three day hike.

Foreign Exchange

Magnifico. The Plaza de Espana in Seville, Spain was a high point of the Spanish exchange trip.

1985 Foreign Exchange Club officers. Top: Mr. John Bristow, adviser, Andy Lewis, Andrea Dresdale, Jay Levine, Mr. Steven Perell, adviser. Bottom: Rachel Rein, Kerith Orol, Robin Jacobson.

Everything's comin' up roses. The Castle at Ludwigsburg, fashioned after Versailles, was one of the most beautiful sights viewed by the German exchange students.

Overseas operator. President Andrea Dresdale calls the meeting to order.

It's All Greek To Me

Mangia! Maria DiGiovanni, Sharon Vancura and Mr. Mario Donatelli prepare to partake of the food made for the night's dinner.

Unless It's Italian

The Italian Club provided an abundant helping of zest to the school year, maintaining its tradition as one of the most active clubs at Ramapo. An Italian flavoring was added to the school cafeteria when the students hosted a gala dinner one evening in December. Regional delicacies were prepared by students, in which dozens of family recipes were served up to more than 100 Ramapo faculty and students. ECCELENTE! SQUISITO! DELIZIOSO!

If culture is the highest achievement of human endeavor which transcends the linguistic boundaries by which they are inscribed, then all the world was Italian this year at Ramapo. Through a series of film presentations and discussions, soccer matches and literary and dramatic competitions, the Italian Club kept alive and allowed us to partake in that splendor which was Rome.

Little Italy. Members of the Italian Club. Bottom: Dina Morelli, Laura Bifulco, Amy Blauman, Maria DiGiovanni. Middle: Diane Turdo, Cindy Mauracade, Gina Vaccaro, Sharon Vancura, Andrea Merolle, Daniell Palazzolo, Jimmy Ryan, Mr. Mario Donatelli, Tracey Hammerman. Top: Vito Passariello, Laura Mauracade Celeste Lombardy, Steven Flynn, Michael Esposito, Richard Galante and Filomena Passariello.

Or Spanish

New York City was a favorite place for the Spanish Literature Club this year. The students took advantage of the strong Hispanic influence in the Big Apple ("Manzana Grande"). In October, while studying the life and works of García Lorca, the club went to see *Bodas de Sangre (Wedding of Blood)*, an extremely emotional and suspenseful play, and considered one of Lorca's best works. On another trip the club visited the Hispanic Museum and the Museo del Barrio, where they learned about the great influence the Hispanic culture has had on American society. While on this trip, adviser Señorita Rodriguez took the students to one of her favorite Spanish restaurants in Greenwich Village. To test their language skills, Señorita made each student order in Spanish.

Hispanic culture, however, is not confined to NYC. In March the club went to Rockland Community College, where they saw the famous Ballet de Fólklorico de México. The lavishly dressed dance troupe gave a superb performance.

The Spanish Literature Club proved to its members that is is possible to learn about a foreign culture and have fun doing it.

1985 Spanish Literature Club. Bottom: Harold Moss, Ilene Lenon, John Nadaro, Elyse Sussman, Karin Goldman; Middle: Shawn Marshall, Loren Turetzky, Jennifer Scheer, Amy Blumenthal, Jodi Friedman, Celeste Lombardy, Marianne King; Top: Marni Levenson, Michael Jacobson, Jason Kellerman, Jon Small, David Klein, Sharon Lichtenstein, Thomas Mesk, Larry Rosansky, Lisa Rodin, Maria Ramos, Bernie Bierman, Jeanine Ercoreca, Steven Frank, Marla Leff and David Shevlin.

Right Under Your Nose. Monique Headley, left, receives help from Silvia Brezmes. Sylvia was one of the two exchange students who spent the entire year at Ramapo.

Cheerleaders

Synchronicity. Susie Porton shows her talent for precision with teammates Dana Taylor, Tracy Agoado and Emily Marcus.

It runs in the family. Junior Varsity captain Alison Marcus follows in the footsteps of her sister Emily, Varsity captain.

Goooo Gryphons. Stacey Dresdale shakes her pom-poms as she cheers the team on to victory.

1985 Varsity Cheerleaders. Bottom: Angela Bann, Susie Porton, Stacey Dresdale, Laura Bifulco. Middle: Vicky Henry, Tracy Agoado, Jill Zimmerman, Lynette Rowe. Top: Karin Goldman, Dana Taylor, Emily Marcus, Wendy Thierman, Sherri Gulker.

Cheer Full Of Support

A roar erupted from the stands as the cheerleaders began the familiar chant of "Beat em," signifying the beginning of a game. Although at times, the cheers didn't seem to adhere to the grammatical rules of any language, they were capable of bringing crowds to their feet from the start of the football season in September until the end of basketball season in February. The crowd was sure to find the cheerleaders out in full force, cheering our teams to victory.

Although the cheerleaders seem a part of the basketball and football teams, they are a team unto themselves. Their season is longer than any of the other Varsity teams at Ramapo, lasting most of the school year. Teamwork is important in other team sports, but it is the essential element of cheerleading. The generating force behind Ramapo's cheerleaders is in their unity. The special bond that these girls share can be witnessed in their performance on the sidelines, and their friendships after the game.

Gryphons proudly displayed their membership to this team. Every Friday before a game, the cheerleaders wore their green and gold uniforms to school. This set the tone for the Saturday football games. The Ramapo Gryphon cheerleaders never ran out of energy or enthusiasm.

Maybe jumping around on the sidelines of a football field in sub-zero weather in a short skirt does not sound appealing, but being a cheerleader is gratifying. These girls are a select group of athletes chosen from many qualified candidates. The members of this peppy squad can all attest to the satisfaction that was felt at the end of the season.

For the cheerleaders, the true season began in the spring of 1984 with the tryouts for the upcoming season. The 84-85 Varsity squad was made up of many veteran Varsity girls as well as some first-timers. For the sixteen Varsity and sixteen Junior Varsity girls, a year of hard work, long hours of dedicated practice, and of course, excitement, had begun. "Last year's newcomers were this year's seasoned cheerers, thus contributing to a stronger squad. Since most of the girls had been working together for two years, their toe touches and voice projection reached new heights in the gym and on the field," says senior Stacey Dresdale.

Along with cheering at games, the cheerleaders also attended the annual cheerleading competition in Washingtonville, New York. Special competition-level cheers and pyramids were created by the squad, and the girls gave a truly impressive performance.

The Varsity squad, under the leadership of Captains Emily Marcus and Wendy Thierman, and with the guidance of Adviser Camille DelPrete, raised school spirit to new heights. With a flurry of pom-poms and a jump in the air, the Ramapo cheerleaders made the 1984-1985 football and basketball seasons memorable ones. The Varsity cheerleaders firmly believed that they are the B-E-S-T of all the R-E-S-T.

Geometry on the gridiron. Top: Susie Porton. Middle: Vicky Henry, Emily Marcus, Stacey Dresdale, Wendy Thierman, Laura Bifulco, Dana Taylor, Jill Zimmerman. Bottom: Lynette Rowe, Angela Bunn, Tracy Agoado, Sherri Gulker, Karin Goldman. Not Pictured: Tamiko Adams, Angela Jackson, Brenda Rogers.

Determined Dana. Dana Taylor gives it her all.

Football Field Follies

Half time has become an integral part of the tradition of football. It serves an extremely important function by getting the crowds more involved in the excitement and the spirit of the game. While the Gryphons anxiously awaited the second half of the game, the spectators were rocking and rolling, cheering and shouting with the help of the marching band and the Gryphonettes.

The marching band advisers, Mr. Kerner and Mr. Virgilio, used the extra practice time afforded the band because of the late start of the season to make this year's half time show one of the most enjoyable in years. They chose to play a more diverse range of songs in order to appeal to everyone. The true pop rock fan could enjoy the "Heart of Rock 'n Roll," while the Michael Jackson fan could get his thrills from "Thriller."

The beautiful Ramapo Gryphonettes emulated the moves of Michael Jackson, while the band accompanied them to "Say Say Say" and "Beat It." The male spectators especially enjoyed this part of the show, perhaps even more than the game.

The true star of half time was the ever popular Ramapo Gryphon Mascot. Acting as the team's most enthusiastic fan, he used his "espirit extraordinaire" to capture the crowd's enthusiasm.

The combination of the band, the Gryphonettes, and the mascot resulted in a much more exciting second half for the fans.

Let the music play. The Ramapo marching band cranks out the halftime tunes.

Baton baby. Junior Michelle Umphlet struts her stuff with style.

1985 Gryphonettes. Standing: Sheila Saturne, Michelle Irby, Deborah Branch, Sandra Wilson, Yolanda Dickerson, Oddetta Geralds, Holloune Beauvais, Marielle Auguste; Kneeling: Karlene McKenzie.

Hmmppphhh! Evan Kremin is flustered by the difficult key signature of G-flat.

Flying high. Julie Kim parades in the colors of Ramapo.

All together now. When the action stops, the entertainment begins.

Glorious Gryphon. The Ramapo mascot entertains the crowd and inspires the team to victory.

Music

Sax appeal. The tenor saxophone is one of the most popular instruments at Ramapo.

Vicacious violinist. Cindy Grodman's high school orchestra experience may lead her to the New York Philharmonic.

Ring my bell. Jill Heller exhibits her unique musical talent while playing the xylophone.

Polished brass. Holly Zuber, Steven Turner, and Sam Gardner enjoy making music together.

Musical minds sing alike. Singing partners Brian Besterman and David Makower pour out their hearts in a song.

Come Follow The Band

Music is often an essential part of a masterpiece, and so was the case this year at Ramapo. Both the Winter Concert, held in December, as well as the Spring Concert, held in May, were memorable events. The Concert Choir, with such songs as "If You Believe in Music," showed off their beautiful choral voices, while the Show Choir, with their jazz sound and improvisation dazzled the audience. The Concert Band, playing songs from Broadway shows, classical pieces, and even pop hits by Michael Jackson, showed everyone their wide range of talent. The orchestra's renditions of classics by Wagner and Bach were very well performed.

Mrs. McDowell, who coordinates the chorus program at Ramapo, formed a new group this year. The Tritones was an exclusive group of very talented vocalists. Membership was restricted to sixteen people, and auditions were by invitation only. The Tritones, like the Show Choir, sang American pop and jazz songs, but their selections were much more difficult and advanced. A small rhythm group, composed of a piano, bass, and drums usually accompanied the Tritones.

In January the Jazz Ensemble, conducted by Mr. Virgilio, gave an outstanding performance for their peers and parents. Since they were unable to perform in the Winter Concert, the Jazz Ensemble, by popular demand, gave a superb one-time performance which was enjoyed by everyone.

The orchestra was led by Mr. Naroff, taking over for Mr. Rubin, who has gone on to bigger and better things in the world of music. Mr. Naroff had been teaching in East Ramapo for sixteen years before he came to Ramapo, where he has helped to build an excellent string program.

The harmonious workings of the music staff and talented performers made this year's music program one of the finest in many years.

Classic Clarinetist. Jonathan Cutler can really handle these woodwinds.

Together in harmony. The Tritone Jazz Chorus: Bottom: Stephanie Wize, David Klein, Debbie Blumenthal, Brian Besterman, Jill Ehnenn, David Makower, Mrs. Pat McDowell, Greg Sandberg: Top: Evan Kremin, Allan Title, Debbie Levins, and Jimmy Ryan.

Getting in tune. Debbie Blumenthal warms up her voice for chorus practice.

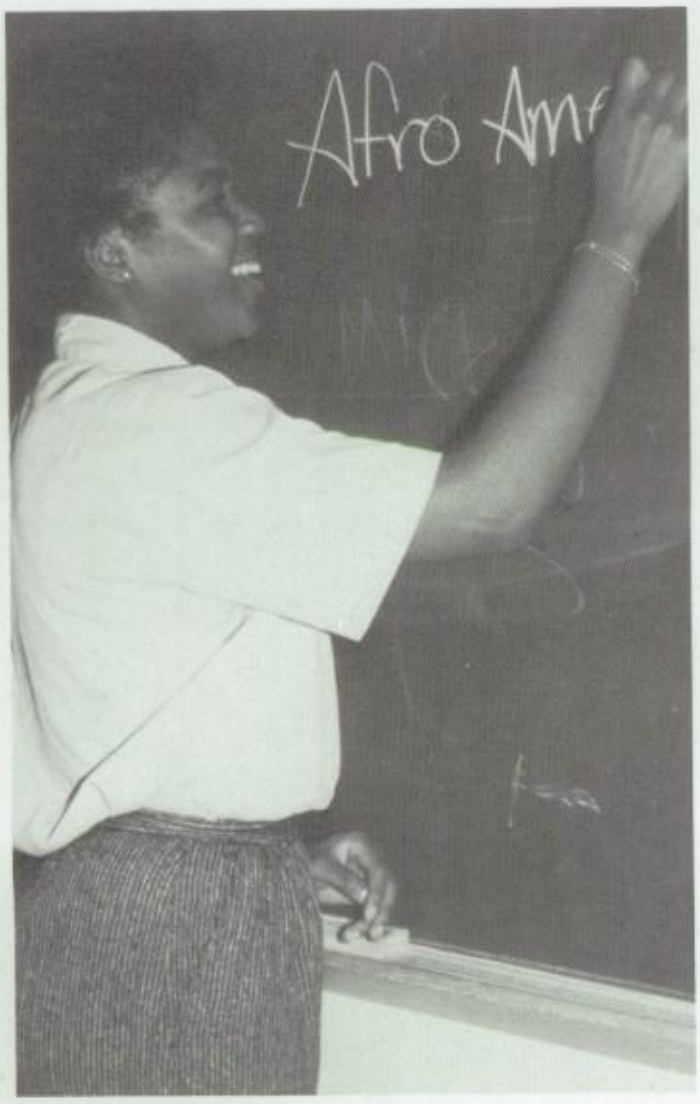
The pied piper. By playing the flute, Amy Laufer hopes to attract more than just mice.

Tracing Our Heritage

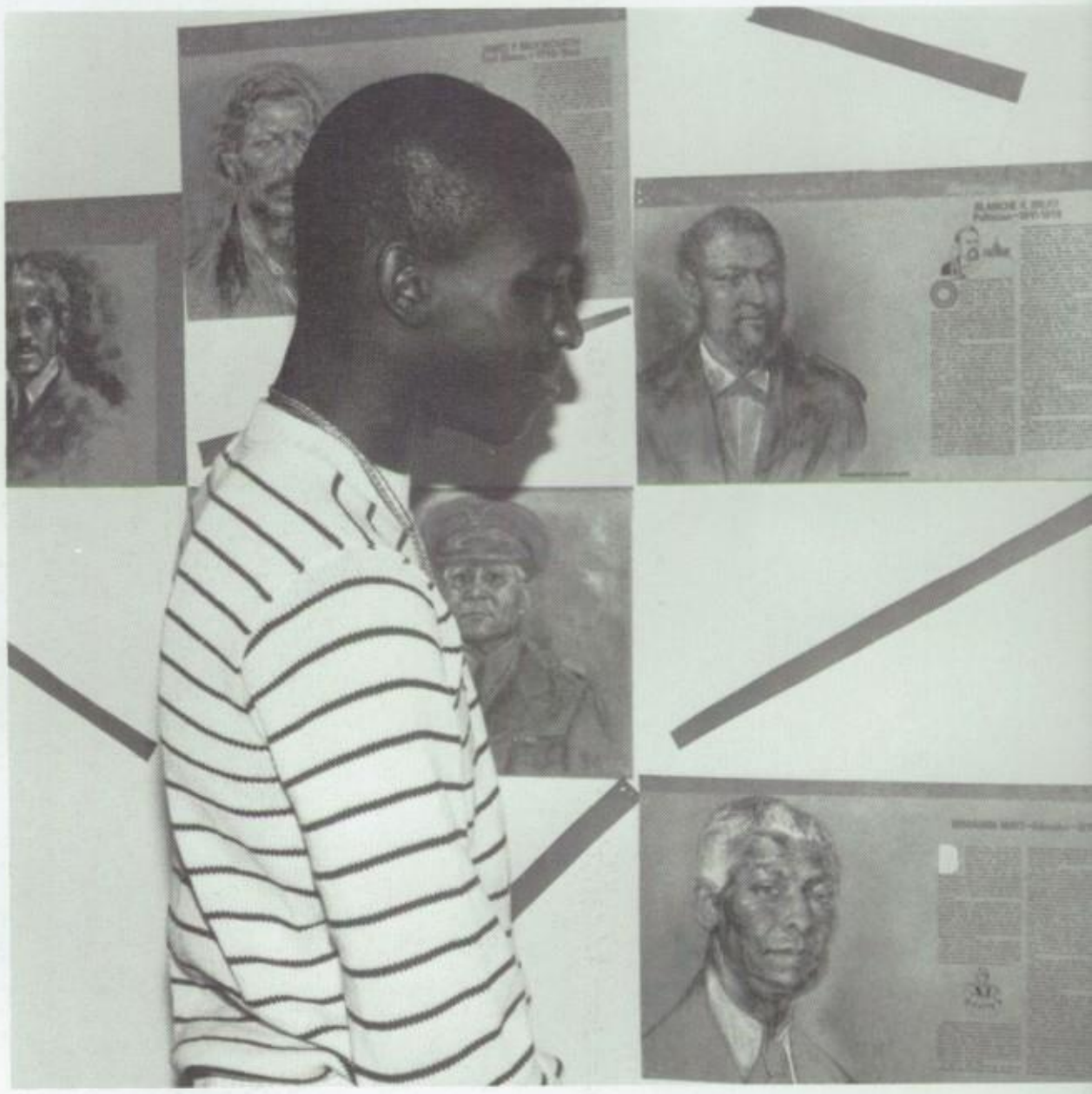
As the curtain fell on the smash hit "Sophisticated Ladies" at West Point, the members of the Afro-American Society joined in the thunderous applause. This was just one of the several exciting trips and activities the group took part in this year in order to better experience the culture of the Afro-American. Several trips were made into New York City, to see the sights, shop, and eat. A special tour through Harlem was also made.

Tasty delicacies were served and enjoyed at a Soul Food dinner, and Martin Luther King's Birthday was celebrated with style. The club helped to unite the large Afro-American community in our school. Club members enjoyed frequent discussions about their common ancestry. The society enjoyed a successful and extremely eventful year because of the careful planning of the group's officers and adviser, Mr. Arrington.

The Afro-American Society. Members: Bottom row: Tina Payne, John Marshall, Melissa Cowan, Angela Jackson, Chris Bibbins, Rondal Johnson. Middle row: Mervini Wellington, Susan Goins, Riva Belleriva, Marie Turner, Guivlore Cologne, Holloune Beavais, Tricia Morton. Tow row: Mr. Arrington, Joanne McDole, Betsie Jean Charles, V. Etienne, Wayne Gordon, Jerry Baptiste, Anthony Geathers, Calvin Joubert, Paul Cerrard, Chris Webster, Ronnie Thomas, Wendell Bryant, Kenny Jones, Charles Evans.



Call to order. Monique Headley begins the meeting.



Heroes of the past. Chris Harrison is engrossed in a historical passage rich with Afro-American heritage.

"Wilkommen. Sprichst du Deutsch?"

The 1985 members of the German Club. From top left to bottom right: Frau Lazaar, Mark Schmidt, Benjamin Payson, Yasuko Yamagishi, Gail Lichtenberg, Barry Dain, Christopher Baez, Mark Fukae, Jean Vessey, Stephen Staudigl, Ran Rubinstein, Chris Roloff, Caroline Witte, Stefanie Klein, Debbie Ganz, Kerith Orol, Lisa Ganz, Emily Berger, Maria DiGiavanni, Michelle Umphlet, Lara Mikulaninec, Andrea Fluck, Eileen Schiela, Amy Pitluk, Michael Ortenberg, Jennnifer Karst, and Ingrid Mellemstrand.

Welcome. Do you speak German?" were the first words that new members of the German Club heard this year. Not only did the club improve their understanding of the German language, but they also developed friendships which enabled them to make their year an enjoyable success.

For the members of the German Club, the year was spent raising money to help the German exchange students have a fantastic time while they visited with us at Ramapo. Not only did the German Club have traditional bake and candy sales, but they also tried something new - the sale of green and gold Ramapo High School pennants. These lucrative sales provided the club with enough funds to have several parties and a dinner at a German restaurant. Most of the money raised, however, went toward payment for many exciting trips such as the ones taken to Great Adventure and Action Park with the students from Germany. While the exchange students were here, the members of the German Club took advantage of the opportunity to practice their German and to learn more about German culture. All will agree, however, that the best part of the year was making many lasting friendships with the exchange students from Germany.

Money makes the world go around. President Amy Pitluk and Vice President Michael Ortenberg count the profits from the club's first bakesale.

Looking back. Lisa Ganz retraces the route she travelled on the German Exchange trip.

Get The Word Out

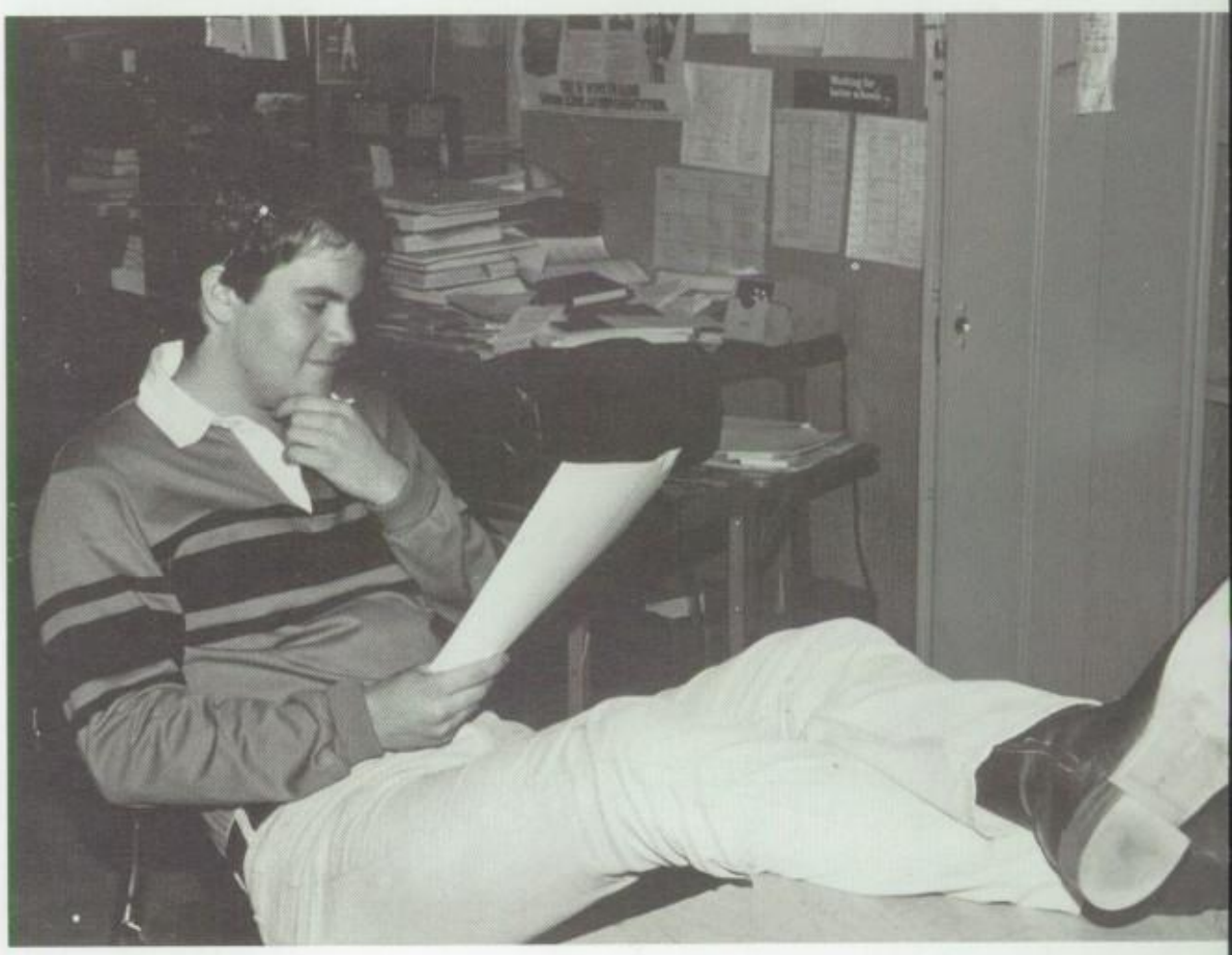
All The News That's Fit To Print

The editors of *The Gryphon* felt that their goal this year was "to gain hands-on journalistic experience while putting out a good paper." This goal was met with success. The paper which was put out quarterly, was the major source of information about Ramapo for both faculty and students. As a crucial link between the school community, and the school government, the newspaper kept the students and the faculty informed as to various events and decisions that directly affected them.

Aside from news stories, the paper consisted of several articles such as a music review, a concert review, an entertainment section, a message from the president of the Student Advisory Council, and sports features. Everyone enjoyed reading the results of the paper's polls on favorite musicians and records.

The editorials added quite a bit of controversy to the paper. The editors tried to present more than one side of any relevant topic thereby allowing students to formulate their own opinions.

Although the paper was an educational and enjoyable experience for the journalists, its real importance was the information that it imparted, which made us aware of what had gone on around us.



What's new? Dena Gittleman looks through *The New York Times* to help formulate ideas for the next article.

The Gryphon staff. Top: Jamie Court, Ted Sevransk
Larry Gerber. Bottom: Dena Gittleman, Ruva
Gittleman.

Counting copy. Jamie Court is quite pleased with t
article he is proof-reading.

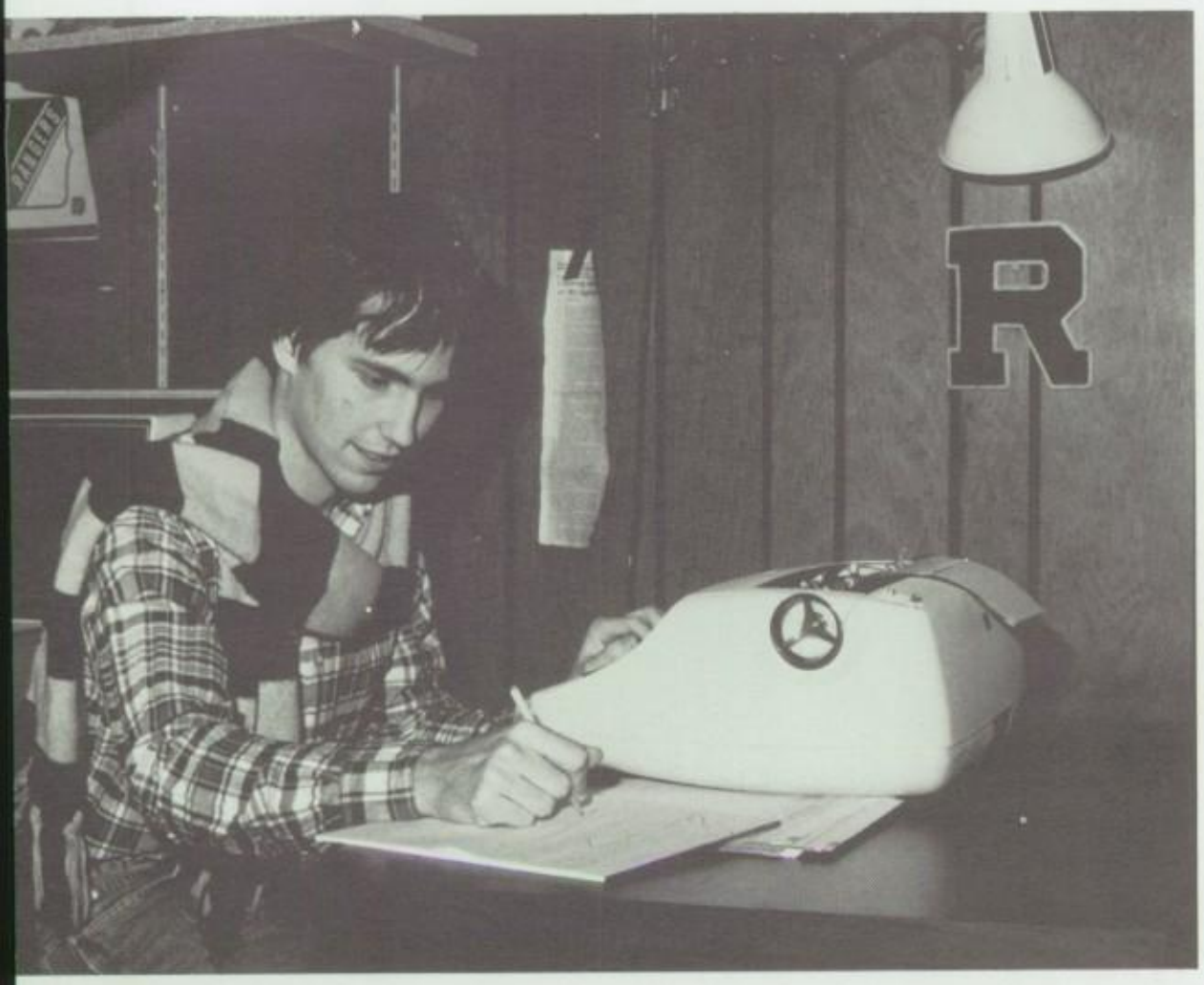
Promethean Promise

Bit O'Lit

Prometheus, the namesake of Ramapo's literary magazine, was the mythological bearer of fire. The *Promethean Promise* tried to transpose this image by providing an outlet for the literary accomplishments of Ramapo students. All students were encouraged to submit their prose, poetry, and artwork. Every piece was considered equally, but because of the limited amount of space available, the staff was very selective in choosing the works that were published.

Each week the staff read and critiqued the submitted material and then voted on which to use. At each meeting the magazine's adviser, Mr. Donatelli, arbitrarily chose a subject for the staff to write about for ten minutes. They would then read their work to the others who would give constructive criticism. The magazine had a feature of these impromptu compositions. Toward the end of the year, after all works were selected, editors concentrated on layout and the construction of the magazine.

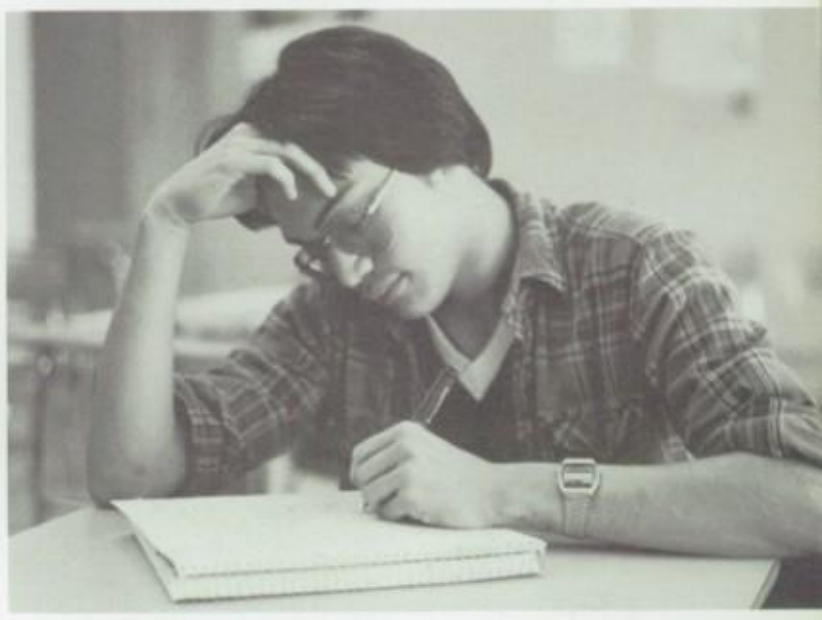
A tremendous amount of excellent literature was presented by the magazine which indicated that Ramapo had many imaginative, creative individuals; possibly future authors. A creative writing award was given to the best works, but most students contributed to the *Promethean Promise* solely to share their stories, poetry and artwork with their peers.



Promethean Promise staff. Top: Andrew Meyer, n Brown, Robert Klein, Larry Mayer, Larry Wein- er, Steven Goudsmith, Mr. Donatelli. Bottom: y Brett Rogers, Jill Heller, Mark Landsman, David vartz, and Ben Payson.

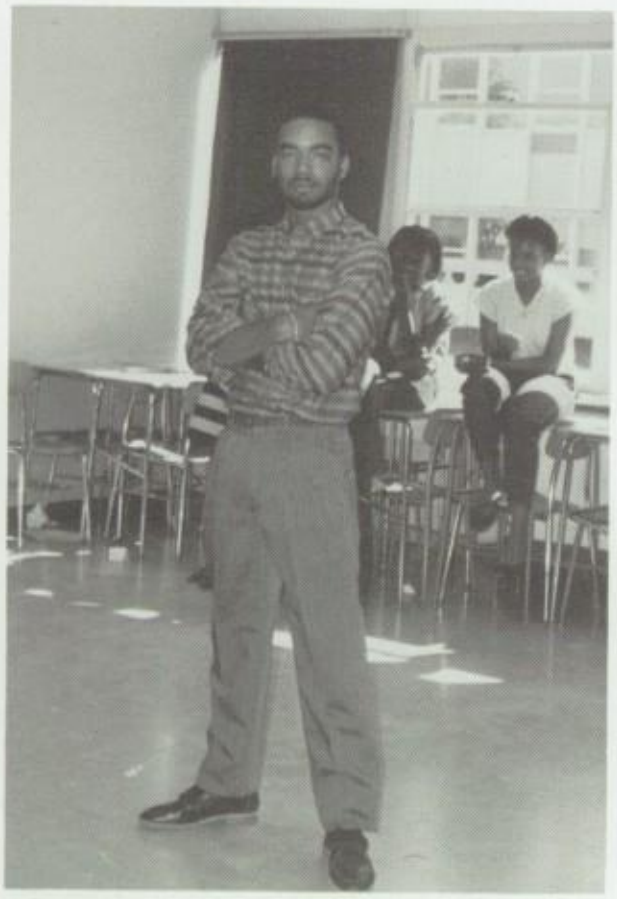
Try, try again. Larry Mayer works intensely in his quest for perfection.

The Thinker. Ben Payson is diligently working on a story he will be submitting to the literary magazine.



Looking Good

The annual Fashion Show, put on by the members of the Fashion Club has been, and will continue to be a great success. The members of the Fashion Club worked all year long, rehearsing twice a week, in order to produce a glittering finished product. They made a great many decisions and learned how to coordinate all the aspects of the fashion world that make a successful show. The students created the scenery, chose the outfits that they would wear, and selected the music. They learned how to present themselves to an audience with beauty and grace. The Fashion Show was a very beneficial learning experience for the participants. They worked together throughout the year and created a well planned and truly professional fashion show.



Tranquility. Ramapo's courtyard is the ideal place for Dunia Jean Baptiste, Corey Clapp, and Stephanie Barnes to pose in their favorite clothes.

The buck stops here. John Slade proudly displays his classy outfit.

Fashion plates. Top left to bottom right: Kwai Johnso Dana Taylor, Reginald Hayes, Carine Francois, Dav Waterman, Kimberlie Cozart, Thomasine Stanle Richard Geoghagen, Sheila Saturne, Garry Baptis Teresa Freeman, Corey Clapp, Angela Jackson, a Ralph Thompson.

Skiing Is Believing

Skiing has become one of the most popular forms of winter recreation in the United States, and Ramapo High School. Ramapo's proximity to Eastern ski resorts has made it easy for the ski club to take trips frequently. The club held exciting expeditions to Hidden Valley, New York, and Killington, Vermont. The local slopes of Sterling Forest and Mt. Peter in Orange County also gave the ski club and active season.

Members of Ramapo's ski club loved the thrill of speeding down beautiful slopes. In the snow-covered alpine peaks, students "schussed, transversed and jumped moguls" while zooming down the slopes. The cold weather did not inhibit this club's favorite activity, but enhanced their appetite for the great outdoors. Most of us preferred to be cozy and warm indoors dreaming of warm weather and beaches during the winter months. Members of the ski club rejoiced at hearing weather reports of blizzards, frigid temperatures and heavy snowfall. Ramapo's ski club enjoyed a great season of being snow bound.

ecking it out. Kevin Waltzer and Noel Plasker plan ir next adventure on the slopes.

mapo's ski bums. From top left to bottom right: th Guliner, Lee Southern, Christopher Kear, Gregg erardino, Steven Shapiro, Jeff Smith, Marc Goldn, Ed Schober, Jeff Rosen, Jordon Simon, Matthew ed, Susie Porton, Jodi Golden, Barry Bennet, Warren rvin, Ann Beth Turbitz, Ethan Balogh, Lisa Alpert, n Lubson, Andrew Famellette, Cheryl Klumpp.

Ski bunny. Debbie Ferber sports her favorite ski wear.

Bridging The Gap

The Intercultural Club was a new club this year. Advised by Mrs. Davis, the club was enjoyable as well as constructive. This club was very beneficial for its members, who had felt the need for a club such as this one for many years. The members used the Intercultural Club as a forum in which to share their cultures with others. They also discussed the problems they had to deal with each day in school. They liked to think of themselves as the proverbial "melting pot" of the many different cultures in Ramapo, and encouraged all students to join the club. A highlight of the Intercultural Club was the International Buffet in which each member brought a dish reflecting his or her nationality. The Intercultural Club was a great success in its first year and will continue to educate our students as to the diversity of the cultures contained within our masterpiece.

¿Que pasa? Julio Gallego and Spanish Exchange student Terri Ruiz Pinan spend some time shooting the breeze.

Sharing culture. The Intercultural Club. From top left to bottom right: Mrs. Rita Davis; faculty adviser, Adran Jafri, Terri Ruiz Panan, Silva Brezmas Fernandez, Tina Pate, Roe Martine, Dominique Aristide, Lisa O'quile, Eddie Regis, Joel Caducio, Rupal Patel, Sabeera Khan, Abdel Innocent, Marthe Justin, Oradee Imused.

You are here. **Oradee Imused uses the map to show her country of origin.**

A Byte Of The Future

Laughter and shrieks of surprise were heard when students received their computer match. The computer dating service was one of the functions sponsored by the computer club. Not only did it raise funds, but it was also instrumental in teaching the members computer skills.

This year's membership was larger than ever, with many sophomores joining. This was also the first year that a large number of girls joined, much to the delight of the male members. The skill of the members in the club ranged from beginning to AP level. Having such a diverse group was beneficial in that it allowed the inexperienced students to learn from the experienced ones.

The club met once a week, planning more activities than ever before. They took trips to IBM and brought in guest speakers from various industries to lecture on the role of the computer in the business world. The club became involved in community service by writing programs to assist teachers in the district. The club also bought dust covers for the school's computer room.

The Computer Club was a great success in that the members became a close-knit group while learning an enormous amount about the advantages of the computer.

os Ahoy! Lloyd Morganstein finally completes his nputer program.

iz kids! Top: Michael Rothman, John Small, Barry kelman, Russel Benblatt, Mr. Collins. Bottom: Eric nk, Harry Hochheiser, Mark Marin, Joseph Fuld, Phil sberg, Dean Rogers, Sheila Bacon, Alan Hanstein, m Kurland, Richard Hudson, Russ Seligman, and Posner.

Money matters. President Phil Weisberg counts club profits as Recording Secretary Adam Kurland watches on.

Miele's Angels

The Student Security Squad of Ramapo made the school safe for democracy, justice, peace, the pursuit of happiness, and all of that other nice stuff. This group of fifteen students took on the responsibility of supervising various posts interspersed throughout the halls in order to "direct traffic". They relied on their innate instincts and the lessons they had learned from Mrs. Miele to help maintain law and order.

Their training consisted of hours of hard work learning the various techniques of interrogation needed when determining the destination of students suspected of carrying forged passes. The squad was also faced with the dangerous task of protecting and escorting the daily attendance to the office. This journey was of utmost importance, for who knew what might have happened had those top secret reports fallen into the wrong hands.

This year the group learned more about the criminal justice system and took trips to the local jail and courthouse. Expenses for these trips were paid for using money raised from several bake sales.

Students could definitely feel safe walking through the halls of Ramapo, knowing that there were competent people out there to protect them.

Department of defense. Student security from left to right: Vincent Florio, Ricky Irace, James Powers, Richard Glotzer, Fadia Joseph, John Cochran, William Bullock.

But I can't get up on Mondays! Stephanie Barnes tries to explain to an incredulous Harold Moss why she is late.

So where do you think you're going? No one gets p
Vinnie Florio without a pass, not even Susan Ger
and Jennifer Phelan.

Fight Fire With Fire

Most students can remember the situation well. They were sitting in one of their classes, working diligently, when suddenly the fire drill alarms sounded. Initially, many dismissed it as merely a fire drill, but then their hearts quickened as they thought, "What if it really is a fire?" Luckily, it was only one of the many fire drills conducted by the Fire Marshall Squad. Most students thought that the only advantage of having fire drills was to get out of class. Yet, if there had been a fire, and no one knew where to go or what to do, chaos would have erupted. The Fire Marshall Squad was always there to make certain that order was maintained. Under the guidance of Mr. Conjura, a New York City fire inspector, the members of the squad were assigned to various posts throughout the halls to hold doors open, assist everyone out of the building, and prevent panic. Only after being certain that everyone else was safely out of the building would they themselves leave. The safety of their peers was their first priority.

The squad was not only concerned with fire, but also with safety in general. In case of any emergency, it was the squad's responsibility to divert traffic on Viola Road so that emergency vehicles could reach the school. The squad also used their funds to purchase a first aid kit and a resuscitator for the welfare of everyone in the school.

The student body and faculty at Ramapo were able to breathe more easily knowing that the Fire Marshalls were there to guide them to safety in the case of an emergency.

pen door policy. Kim Cozart and William Bullock
ld the doors to let Howie Ingber and Geoffrey Kol-
an out during a fire drill.

re fighters. The 84-85 Fire Marshal Squad: Jeanette
rich, John Helt, Gerald Boursiquot, Claude Francois,
ana Taylor, Stephen Konopko, Jerry Baptiste, Wil-
m Bullock, Rich Berk, Adrian Branch, Mr. Bud Con-
ra, bottom: Larry Klein, Kim Cozart.

Ready, aim, fire. Adrian Branch tests the school fire extinguishers for good working order.

Fostering A Better Life

We Deliver

The Foster Parents Club was created in 1969 by a group of economics students who, after studying the effects of poverty, wanted to help relieve the suffering of children around the world. The selling of The New York Times on a daily basis by the members of Mr. Rauer's first period class provided the group with regular, predictable income. The club has had a total of six foster children, expending almost $20,000 during the past sixteen years. This year, the foster child was a fifteen year old boy from Haiti named Antoine St. Hubert. Various students corresponded with him, and they, in turn, received monthly letters. Because of a surplus in funds at the end of the year, the club was able to sponsor a second child. The members of the Foster Parents Club derived great satisfaction from the knowledge that they were helping to alleviate world hunger and poverty.

Straight from the heart. Antoine St. Hubert is the club's foster child this year.

Times after Times. Evan Wolk displays his talent for counting when he takes his share of the papers.

Moms and dads. The Foster Parents Club. From top left to bottom right: Chris Roloff, Marc Sandler, Evan Klein, Todd Janson, Andre Zytkiewicz, Evan Wolk, Robert Klein, Mr. Gordon Rauer; faculty adviser, David Brown, Dennis Johnson, Noel Plasker, Natalie Ceklenjak, and Jill Zimmerman.

Delivery boy. Neither rain nor sleet nor security guards will stop Robert Klein from giving Mr. Curran his morning paper.

Bigger And Better . . .

This year's Key Club, with its three hundred sixty-five members, increased its membership by sixty per cent, thus retaining its status as one of the largest and most popular student organizations at Ramapo. For the past ten years Ramapo Key Club has won the first place achievement award in the New York District. Through Key Club, members developed leadership qualities, initiative, friendships, and a sense of commitment to Ramapo and its community. Key Clubbers, through their many fundraisers, raised money throughout the year for organizations such as cyctic fibrosis, cancer research, and the PTA. Great effort went into planning these various events; getting people to work, arranging for prizes and refreshments, and coordinating the events left the officers and the members of the Key Club with little time to themselves. The coin drop and the bike-a-thon, both held in October, raised nearly $3,500 to aid in the funding of research in cystic fibrosis and cancer. Key Clubbers became involved in the immediate community by running Bingo games at the Helen Hayes Hospital on Thursday nights and sponsoring Halloween parties at Letchworth Village and Helen Hayes Hospital. Key Clubbers also helped to run the annual plant show at the Summit Park Health Complex. Members showed their school spirit by working with the Student Advisory Council to organize and run the Halloween Parade. In November the Key Club celebrated the club's chartering with a spaghetti dinner which was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. The highlight of the year was the Key Club District Convention held in March at the Pines Hotel. Key Clubbers who were active over the year had a chance to go to the convention and meet other Key Clubbers from the district. The convention was an exciting event that will not soon be forgotten by those who attended. The Ramapo Key Club, with its vast membership and its excessive enthusiasm, has been, and will continue to be, a very successful school and community service club.

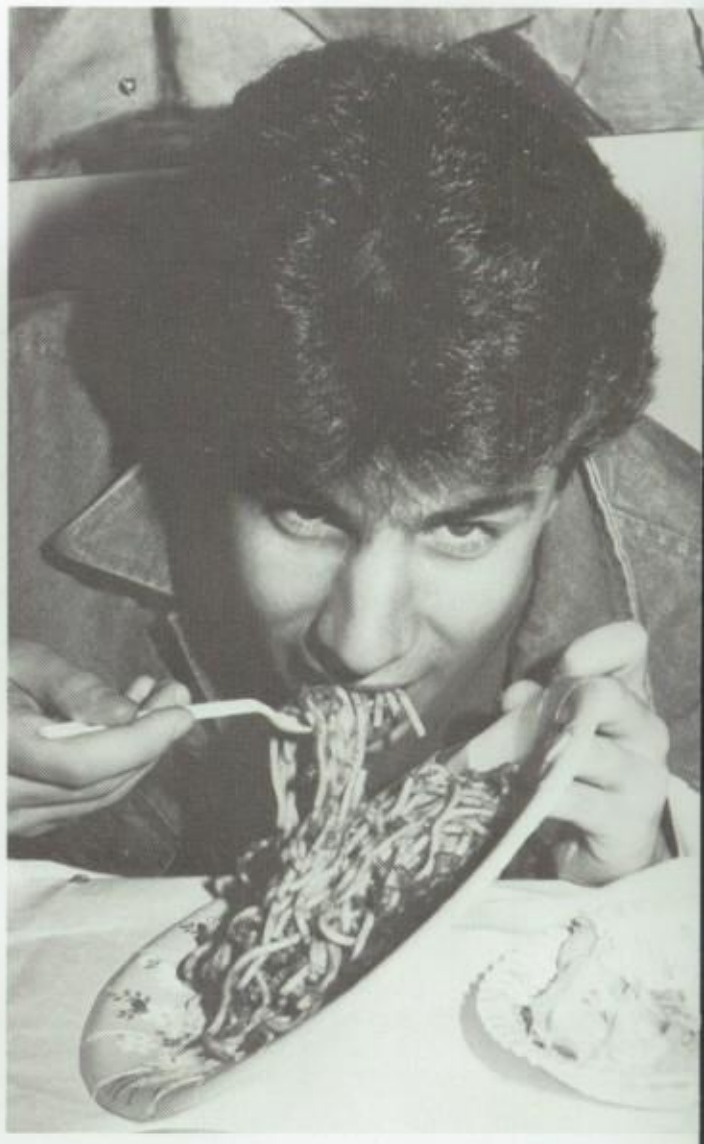
Join the club! From this picture, it looks like the whole sophomore class has!

Halfway there. The juniors of Key Club will be next years leaders to carry on the Ramapo tradition.

End of the line. The seniors make the best of their last year.

. . . Is The Key To Success

It's dinner time! Mark Belnick, Brad Simon, John Gaudino, and Suzanne Berman enjoy themselves at the annual Key Club dinner.



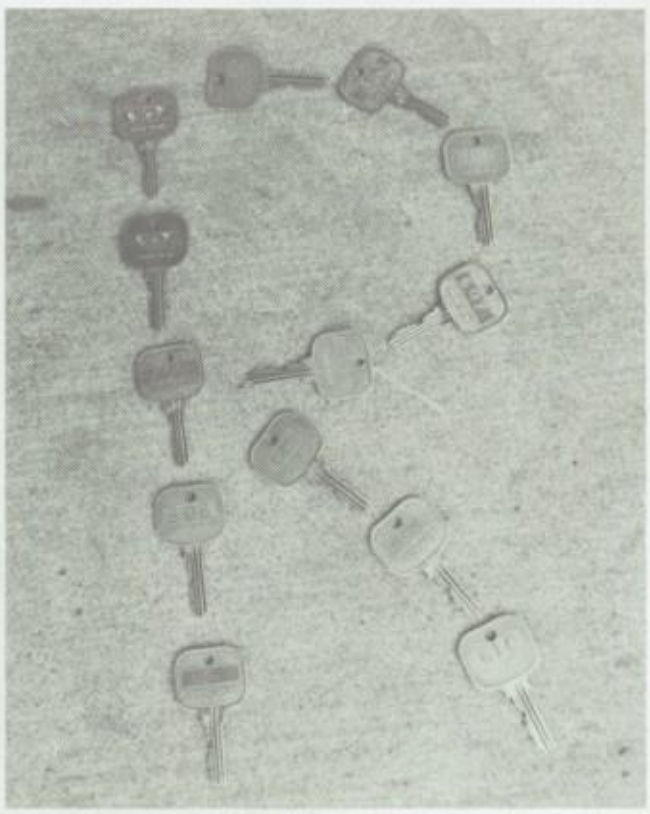
Lean cuisine. Core Jassem looks like he has this situation under control.

Leaders of the pack. Left to right: John Gaudino, exec. V.P., Mindy Levine, Secretary, Michael Origlia, V.P. Lee Zaretsky, President, Mr. Lokensky, adviser, Wayne Lokensky, Lieutenant Governor, [illegible] Roberts, V.P., Cindy Grodman, Treasurer, Jim[illegible] Ryan, Secretary.

Every year at the end of March the New York District of Key Clubs holds a convention for the Key Clubs in the district. This year's convention was held Marc 22 through 24 at the Pines Hotel in upstate New York. In order to be eligible to go to the convention, the members of the Key Club had to earn at least 100 points over the course of the year. Points were awarded on a sliding scale basis, with each event being worth one to ten points, depending on the nature of the event. The point system helped to encourage members of the Key Club to become active in the school and in the community. The many students who helped the school and community through Key Club events were rewarded in March. The convention gave Key Clubbers an opportunity to meet members of other clubs and learn new ideas for fundraisers and other events. The winner of the award for the number one Key Club in New York is announced every year at the convention. For the past ten years, the Ramapo Key Club has won this award. It is therefore no surprise that the convention is the highlight of the year for the Ramapo Key Club.

High in the sky. Key clubbers Danny Silvershein, Susie Porton, Richard Goldstein, Michael Esposito, and Shari Sirota advertise the school's activities on the marquis.

The key to success. Ramapo's Key Club opens doors to the community.



master locks. Lieutenant Governor Wayne Lo-
ky and President Lee Zaretsky lead the Key
to success.

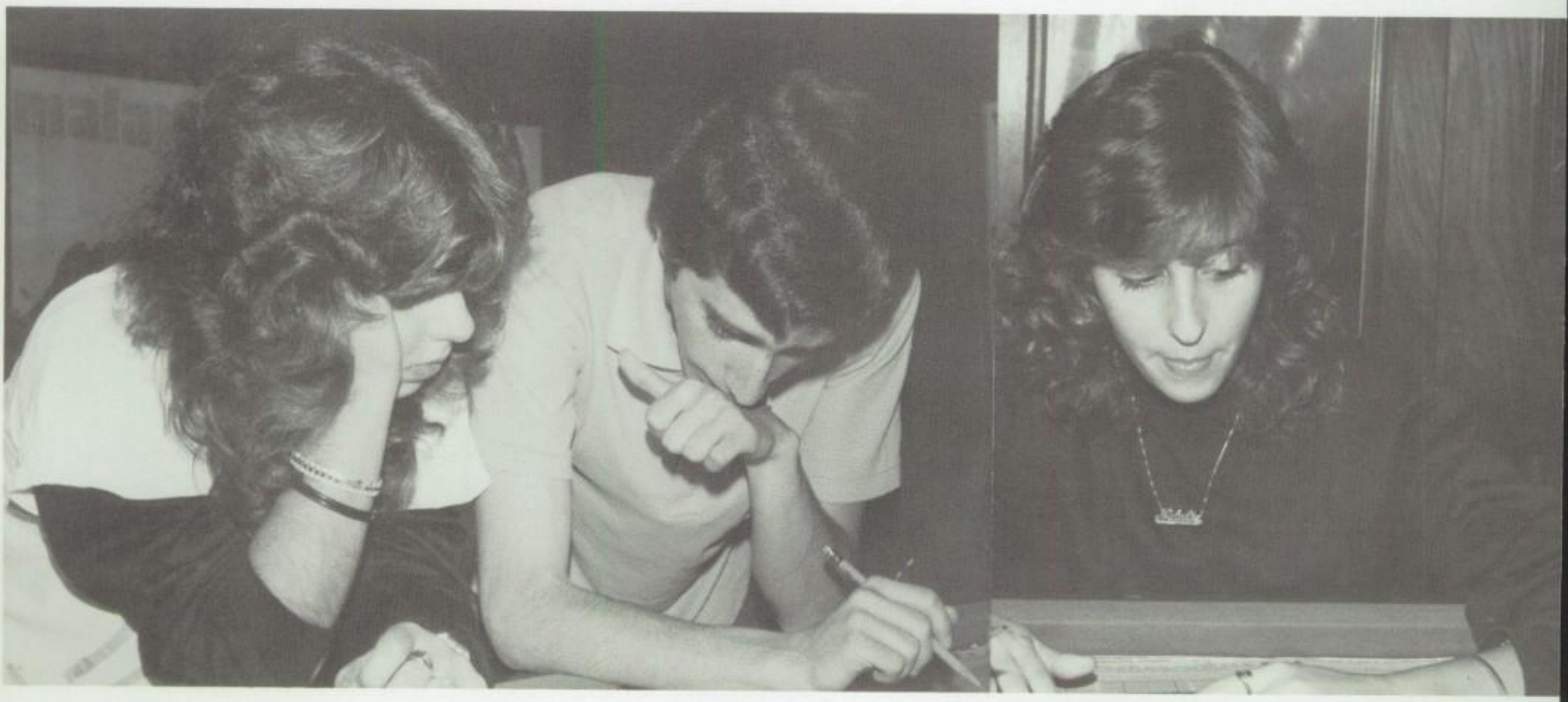
Reminiscing

Condensing an entire year between two covers is an immense job. This year's Arimaspian staff worked very hard for endless hours to produce a quality yearbook that would enable its readers to remember Ramapo with pride. Memories are too easily forgotten with the coming of age. The yearbook is an aid to remembering; a key to unlock all the memories stored within our minds.

The Arimaspian staff worked with a goal in mind. They wanted to produce a stylish and creative book that would live up to Ramapo's reputation for superior yearbooks. The staff attended seminars to learn state of the art techiques and obtain new ideas. They raised money to help subsidize the cost of the book with ads and boosters.

First, an appropriate theme to depict the uniqueness of our school was chosen. With the help of their adviser and a Jostens representative, the book slowly took form section by section, page by page. It was exciting for the staff to see their ideas transformed into pictures and words. They spent many late nights working to meet deadlines. Together they produced a lasting portrait of Ramapo within the pages of this book.

Saucy copy. Mike Backelman's ideas get hot as his pizza gets cold.



Keybored. David Shevlin works diligently to meet the deadline.

Laying it on the line. Jill Ehnenn, David Schwartz, and Natalie Cekleniak master the art of yearbook layout.

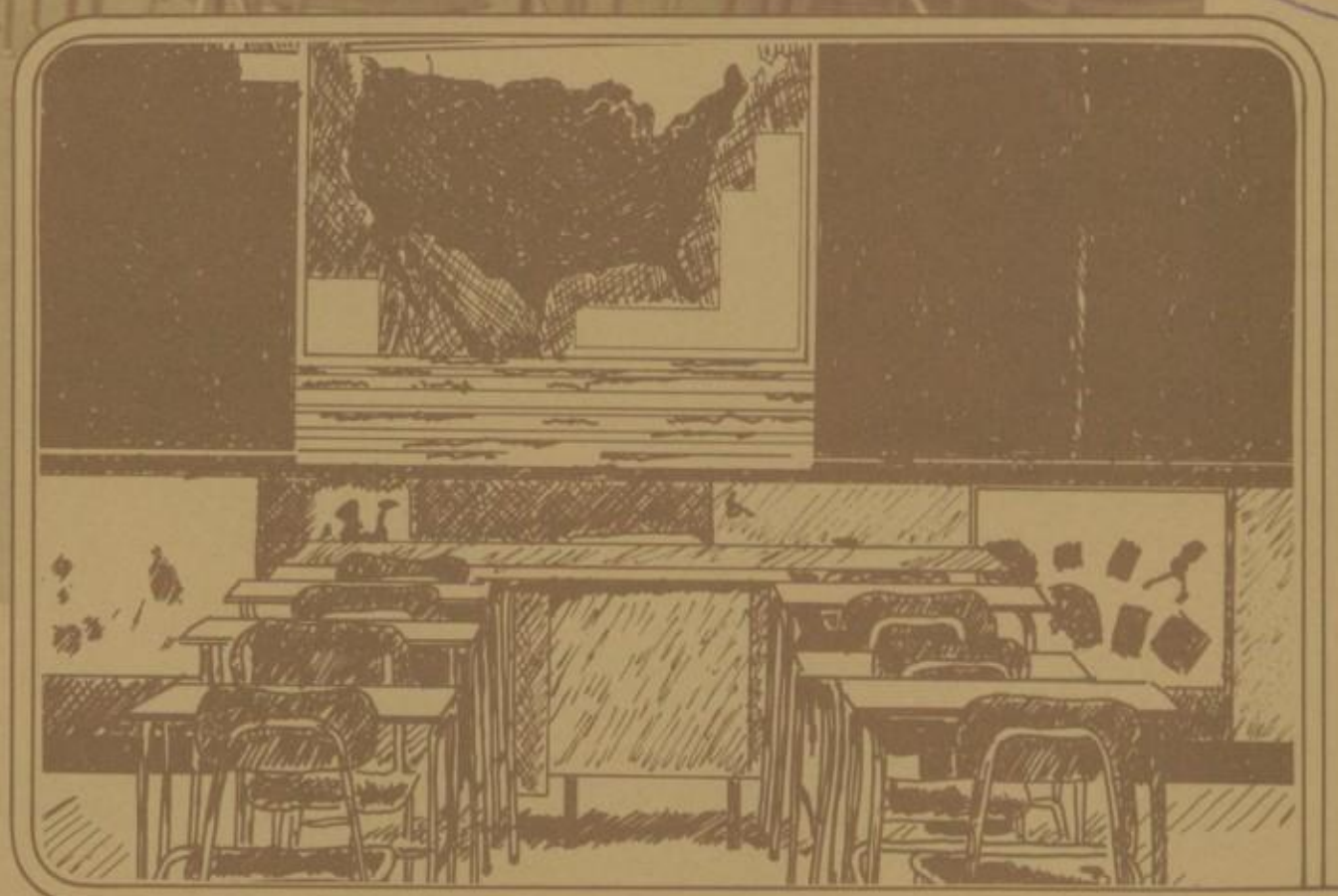
Out on a ledge. David Shevlin, Dana Selig, David Schwartz, Andrea Merolle, Mike Backelman, Karin Goldman, Steven Frank, and Ian Sklaver take a rest after a long walk around the Syracuse campus at the ESSPA convention.

Master Minds

Masters' workshop. The Ramapo classroom is the place where our masterpiece is perfected.

One tends to think of an education as spending seven hours a day seated at a desk taking notes. However, the fabric of education has threads of many textures and colors. Our very environment, attitudes, teachers, peers, and point of view played major roles in the framework of our education. Many of Ramapo's academic programs employed the environment outside of school. Student exchanges to foreign countries, trips to the Soviet Union, field trips to Manhattan, and speakers who visited classes, broadened and deepened our academic experience. Perhaps the greatest lesson we may have learned in high school is that our education lasts forever. In the time we spent at Ramapo, we learned the facts as our personalities developed.

While at times we felt as though aca-



demic pressure would crush us, at the same time, it pushed us to fulfill our potential. By competing, we strove to excel and improved the masterpiece that is education. The high level of academic excellence witnessed in Ramapo can most certainly be attributed to student ambition, faculty dedication, and Gryphon spirit.

Academics

An Historical Event

It was a calm, serene spring day. The baseball field at Viola Park lay empty, awaiting the arrival of the rival teams. On this day, the two adversaries would meet in the spirit of competition and the game of softball. The opponents were the two Advanced Placement American History classes, one taught and coached by Mr. Kent Halsey, the other by Mr. Daniel Greschuk. This annual softball game between the classes is a Ramapo tradition dating back fifteen years. Mr. Halsey's team, this year named the Kent State Massacre, hoped to better the performance of past teams which included the Alcohalseys, Cerebral Halseys, and Treaty of Khent teams, all who, but for one game, lost to Mr. Greschuk's team. This year they were more determined to win than ever, and had spent days carefully planning strategies. Mr. Greschuk's team, choosing to remain unnamed, had an air of confidence and were eager to play and to defeat the other team.

The teachers pitched during the game. Highlights included homeruns by Erik Frank, Mike Backelman, and Andy Scharf. Mr. Halsey's superb running style, as he almost trampled the catcher, was an interesting sight for everyone. The captains of the Kent State Massacre, Alexis Kachulis and Cindy Grodman, succeeded in bringing the team together. By the end of the third inning they had built a three run lead, but Mr. Greschuck's team, led by captains Stephen Staudigl and Andy Scharf, came from behind and increased their winning streak with a final score of 20 to 11.

As the students left, they were together as one group again. Laughing, they walked with their friends after having enjoyed a spirited afternoon, and the field was once again empty.

eady for the majors? Kent Halsey hopes for a rike on his first pitch.

eady for action. Captains Steven Staudigl, Dan reschuk, and Andrew Sharf are ready for victory.

Strike one. Don't worry, Stacey Dresdale has two more chances to make a hit.

Curve ball or fast ball? David Brown gets the signal from the catcher about the next pitch.

Think Fast

One of the toughest sports on the athletic scene this year was academic competition. The young men and women who represented Ramapo in this grueling field were the courageous members of the Academic League—hard-bitten students who decided to put their knowledge to the test.

All year the Academic League Team met with teams from other schools and competed in a test of knowledge and speed. Meets were tense and often exciting. Occasionally, tempers flared and the players erupted into philosophical debate until broken up by the referee.

Who are these Academic League members? How did they become a part of this elite team? Mr. George Longobardi, team adivser, put each member through a strenuous selection process. Each member was tested for academic achievement, general knowledge, reflexes, and reaction time.

After acceptance to the team came training. Each member had to memorize practically every question in the "Trivial Pursuit" game (including the " Baby Boomer" and "Silver Screen" editions) and all 35 volumes of "Ripley's Believe it or Not."

The Academic League Team did an excellent job in Ramapo this year on the trivia gridiron. The trials of such a sport would weaken any faint heart, but this year's Academic League Team was one of the toughest yet.

Co-curricular. Joey Fuld spends his free time studying possible questions for a meet.

In pursuit of knowledge. Gary Greenstein adds to his trivial wisdom and prepares for a meet at the same time.

I know! I know! Barry Weinberger and David Brown are proud to know the answer to the question Andy Meyer poses as Evan Cowitt and Gary Greenstein look on.

1985 Academic League. (Top left to Bottom Right) Andrew Meyer, Harry Hochheiser, Evan Cowitt, Paul Ruderman, David Brown, Gary Greenstein, Joey Fuld, and Barry Weinberger.

The thrill of victory. An elated Gary Greenstein, Andy Meyer, Harry Hochheiser, and Evan Cowitt celebrate their first victory.

Calculated Advantage

Math Team. Gary Greenstein, Michael Rothman, Barry Weinberger, Ruvain Gittleman, Faculty Adviser Alvion Payson, Mark Marin, Cliff Rosen, Alicia Godsberg, Andrea Stoltz, Leslie Gerstenfeld.

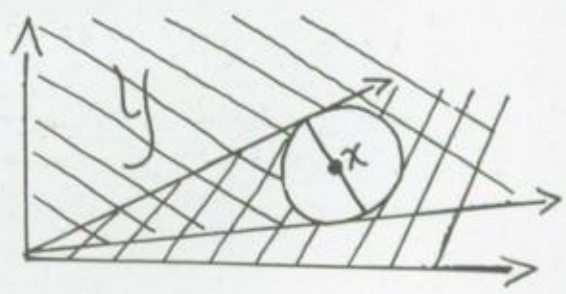
Bus boys. Steven Melnick, Jeffrey Craven, Jonathan Leitner are off to their next meet.

For the student who enjoyed the accuracy, precision, and careful calculation of math, while at the same time longed for the excitement and competition of a team sport, the math league was invented. Like any competitive team, they have practice, are involved in a league, and play teams from other schools according to a schedule.

The games are run like a relay race. Each team is given difficult problems to solve. The team that solves the most problems in the least amount of time wins. The team spent time studying important problem solving techniques and learned several short cuts to help save time. They took many practice tests during their training season to maintain a high level of math expertise, and improve their scores.

To see how you would qualify, the following are a few of the league's favorite problems. Can you solve them?

1. A train leaves Chicago going south at $27x - 112xy\,[324\text{-}\cos 4] + 2y$ km/hr. at five P.M.. Due to sunspot activity, there is an unusually high amount of radio wave interference at the poles. If a nickel is spinning on it's side on the train tracks at a speed that is decreasing inversly at 67.857 km/sec, 25 km. from the oncoming train, what is the conductor's age?
2. Prove x= area y



And they're off . . . on a tangent. Adam Stolarsky and calculator are psyched for the next meet.

Helping Others While Preparing For A Future

Providing students with the opportunity to assume responsibility, obtaining a close association with adults in the community, and exploring careers were the major goals of the School and Community Service Program (S.C.S.) and the Career Apprenticeship Program (C.A.P.). Students who participated in these programs were eligible to receive school credit for their services – .5 credits for forty hours; 1 credit for eighty hours – and gain invaluable experience as well.

Over one hundred sixty-five students, giving some 19,000 hours of work, took advantage of the S.C.S. program this year. They performed such services as candy-striper, tutor, recreation aide, S.P.C.A. volunteer, and a variety of other functions in many community agencies such as East Ramapo school offices, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and the Pomona Health and Social Services Complex. The students that participated in these programs learned to deal effectively with others, acquired improved communication skills, and, perhaps most importantly, developed a better sense of self-worth.

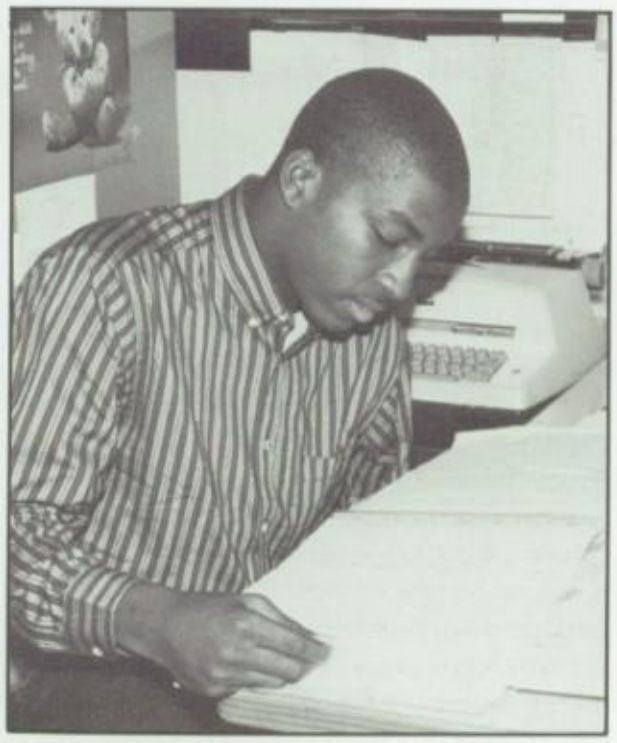
The Career Apprenticeship Program gave approximately one hundred interested and motivated students the chance to explore a career of interest by working closely with an adult mentor. According to S.C.S./C.A.P. adviser Mrs. Cember, the ongoing purpose of C.A.P. is "to give students a better understanding of their career goals so that they can make better and more informed decisions about further education and career training." By participating in such apprenticeships as medicine, advertising, architecture, and law, students experienced the demands and expectations of a particular vocation and developed more self respect. They also developed a keener awareness of personal interests and capabilities and a better understanding of life in the work force.

Needless to say, S.C,S. and C.A.P. were very important to their participants. These programs also provided a great service to all Ramapo students by providing speakers and films and by sponsoring events such as career fairs and career weeks.

Give And Take

At the helm. Mrs. Esther Cember manages to keep a smile on her face while performing her daily duties.

98.6. Sean White gives a sigh of relief when Buffy Pieri tells him his temperature is normal.



The Career Apprenticeship Program allowed students to experience the adult world of big business, as opposed to the academic life of school. There are several aspects of office life that can only be learned through experience, not taught in school. Students participating in the program learned essential lessons such as dealing with clients courteously, showing initiative to succeed, and improving their communication skills.

Many students chose to gain experience in the field of medicine. They worked as apprentices in doctor's offices, hospitals, Letchworth village, veterinary clinics, and as paramedics. This afforded a more realistic view of the world of medicine than seen on television and in movies. Students had to cope with the more realistic side, the heavy emotional strain that doctors go through when dealing with life, death, success and failure. A few students may have decided that this was not, in fact, the best career for them. However, those students who benefited from the program realized that they were more prepared for a life career than others, which put them one step ahead.

Perhaps the biggest attribute of the SCS/CAP program was that it allowed students to develop special relations with their peers, supervisors and mentors. By working with them, students contributed their help and received advice. The situation benefited both the giver and the receiver, each one finishing the year with something more than when they started.

First class aid. Suzanne Berman performs major surgery on Zach Berzon's boo boo.

The gift of knowledge. Claude Francois helps Joanne McDole prepare for her big math test.

At the office. Steven Bryant spends his spare periods helping out in the dean's office.

Lifeline

To live life to its fullest extent is impossible without maintaining a healthy body. 1985 signified a peak in the appreciation and study of various aspects of health. Whether it be physical fitness, hygiene, or emergency lifesaving techniques, Ramapo stressed the importance that health plays in our everyday lives.

The health class at Ramapo was probably the most important one that students took this year. Not only did it teach how to better our lives, it taught how, in some cases, to save them. The course centered on both the mental and physical sides of being in good health. The first topic delved into the world of psychology. By learning about basic psychological theories, students were better able to get in touch with their feelings. Basic emotions such as jealousy, fear, anger, and love were analyzed in detail, and peer pressure was discussed.

The topic of nutrition taught the importance of a balanced diet in maintaining a healthy body. A study of alcoholism, drugs, and smoking taught the detrimental factors affecting the body.

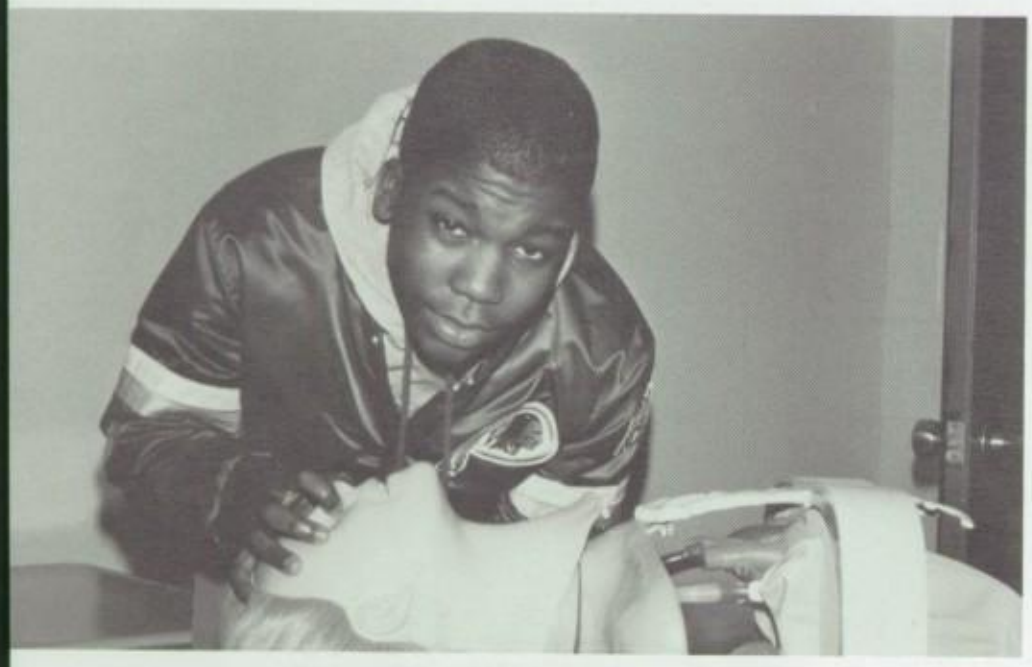
A basic part of the course was the study of CPR (Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) techniques. Students learned the lifesaving procedures on dummies, then had to pass several tests in order to obtain a CPR card certified by the Red Cross. In addition to these tests, a written CPR final was administered to insure that students knew the correct procedures.

Resusci-Karin. Karin Goldman shows her fond affection for resusi-Annie during her health class.

Giving the gift of life. Mrs. A. Lorenzo prepares to take blood from Laura Mouracade during the annual Ramapo blood drive.

Life savers. Fran Goodwin, Hillary Deutsch and Rhonda Mednick volunteer their time and energy to help the Spring Hill Ambulance Corps.

Always on call. Jeff Fertig, Walter Seltzer, Bruce Gimpel, Mark Rones, Michael Better, Dale Klein, Eric Knapp, Jason Openheim, Peter Young, Wendy Grill, Alan Hanstien, Jeff Posner, Andrea Stoltz, Marc Goldstein, David Butterman, Adrianne Blassberg, Jodi Lichtbaum, Jodi Freedman, Rhonda Mednick, David Kolinsky, Fran Goodwin, Andy Sharf, Randi Deutch, Alicia Godsberg and Evan Wolk are ready to serve the community.



Kissed by a prince? This dummy won't come back to life, but Willie Holloway practices CPR for a real life situation.

Injection selection. Elissa Cohen practices giving a shot to a dummy for her future career in medicine.

Sound Mind

The controversial topics of birth control, abortion, and pre-marital sex were studied. By learning all of the factors involved, and listening to both sides of the issues, students could then formulate their own educated opinion.

As a result of the intense study of health in school, students became more aware of the importance that health played in their everyday lives. In a sense, they brought their work home with them. After studying nutrition, students were more careful of what they ate. Junk foods became less popular, while healthy snacks were favored. Students also began keeping more balanced diets so as to maintain the proper amount of vitamins and minerals in their systems. Physical fitness also became important with many students joining health clubs where they could swim laps, take aerobics, and use the Nautilus equipment. Many also set up strict exercise programs at home and some began to jog.

Perhaps the greatest value the health classes taught was the dangers that alcohol and drugs present. Students were more aware of the ramifications of D.W.I. (Driving While Intoxicated) after having studied the statistics of the number of fatal accidents resulting from it. The health classes accounted for healthier students because they taught not only methods of improving health but also ways to stay alive.

Another unique science elective many students chose was Physiology of Exercise, taught by Mr. Gross. The course was an in depth study of the scientific aspects of physical fitness, with an emphasis on muscular structure. The class chose the topics that interested them most before studying them in greater detail. A major part of the course was the study of how the muscles react to exercise and why this benefits the body.

As part of the course, a trip was taken to the Physical Therapy Department of Sport-O-Rama to learn about career possibilities in the field of exercise. Students found the course interesting because it was a more scientific view of health than they had previously received.

Sound Body

The Medical Career Group offered many opportunities for students to gain experience in and further their knowledge of medicine. The career group explored various aspects of health: not only the part that doctors play, but also new developments in technology, surgical equipment, and current hospital procedure.

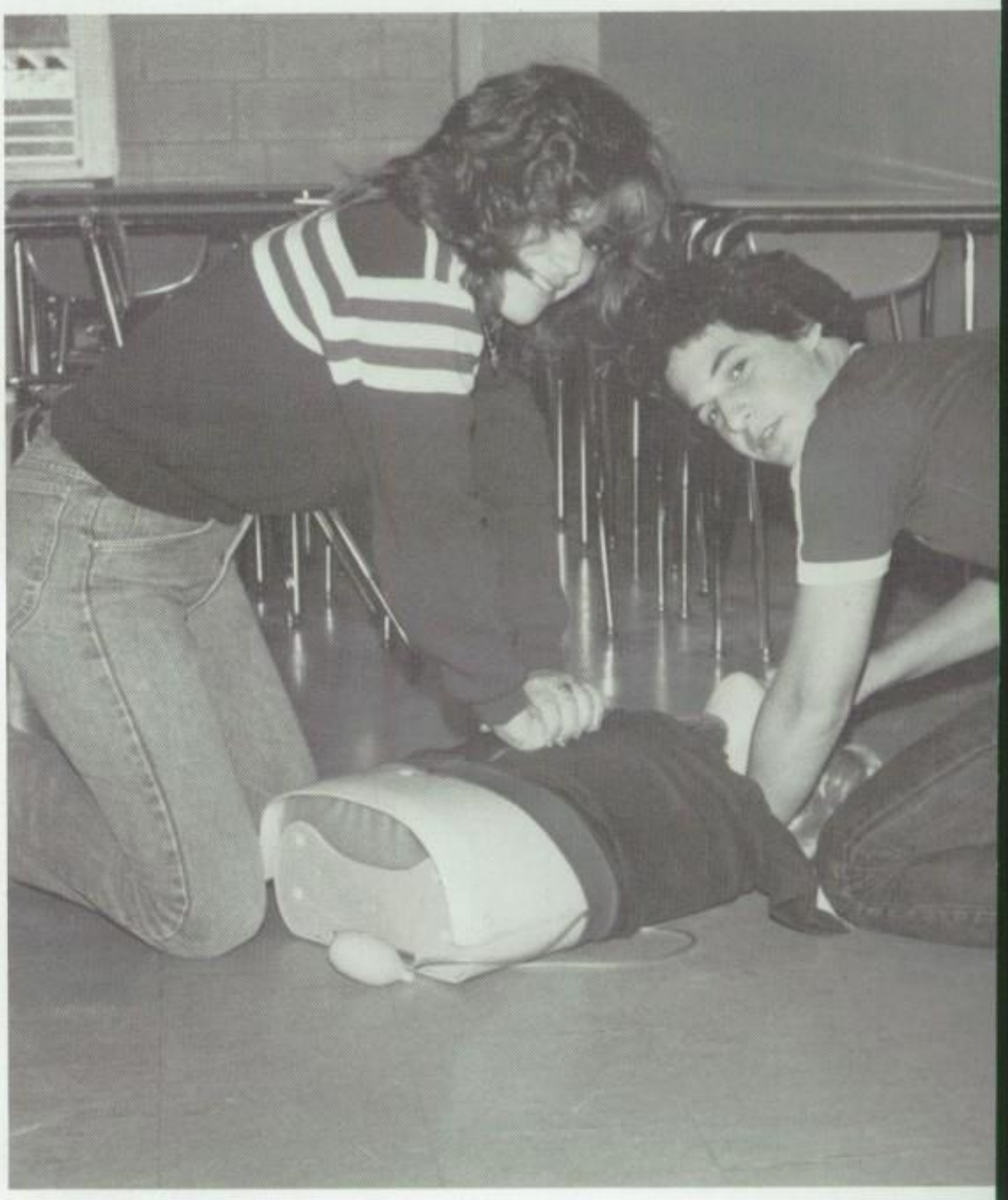
Using funds that they raised themselves, the group went on several exciting as well as informative trips. The goal of these trips was to learn about the inner workings of the field by observing medicine as it is performed. At the Albert Einstein School of Medicine, the group spoke with medical students and professors about the process involved in becoming a doctor. They also observed a group of medical students who were examining cadavers to become more acquainted with anatomy. On a trip to Rockland Spay and Neuter Clinic in Spring Valley, the students watched several surgical operations performed on cats and dogs.

The highlight of the year for the Medical Career Group was a trip to The Hospital for Joint Diseases in New York City. Members, three at a time, were assigned to doctors who they accompanied for the entire day. This offered a unique chance to become a part of a medical team. They went on rounds, discussed cases, and witnessed surgery on patients suffering from scoliosis, neck pains, cerebral palsy, and other diseases affecting the joints. It made the students more aware of the day to day work of a doctor.

Consisting of over sixty members, the Medical Career Group raised more money this year than any other through its successful fundraising endeavors. These included candy sales, bake sales, and T-shirts sales. As a result of this, the trips were more exciting, speakers visited more often, and the members gained a better understanding of the field of medicine.

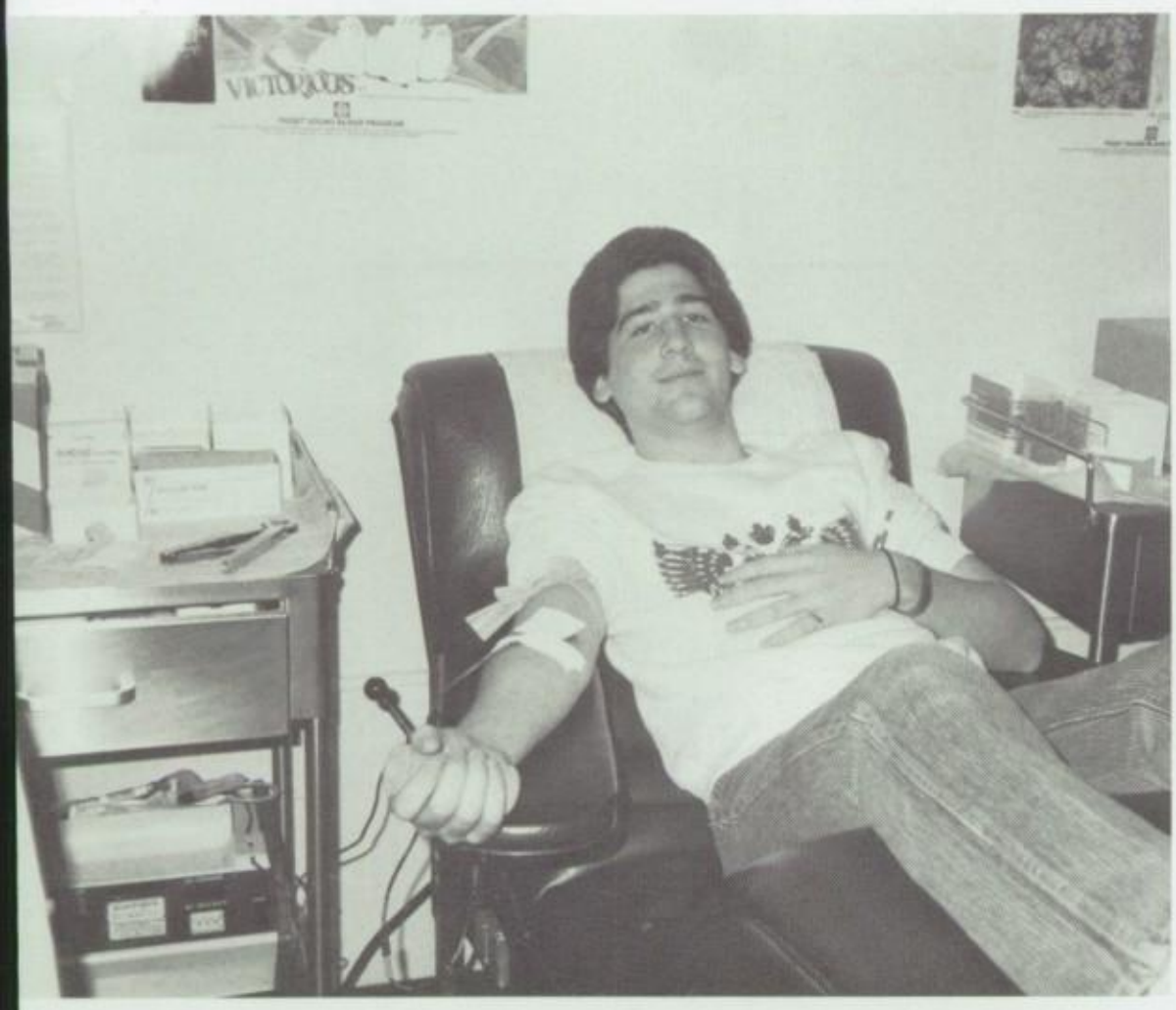
Those students who wanted to become involved with the process of lifesaving became members of the Emergency Youth Squad. The main purpose of the squad, which worked in association with the Spring Hill Ambulance Corps, was to assure the Senior Corps members calls. The students' duties ranged from cleaning the building and ambulances, to attending special functions given by the corps. They met regularly, twice a month. On the first Thursday of every month, the students attended a training meeting where they learned Advanced First Aid skills and CPR. Every third Wednesday, they conducted a business meeting to discuss possible fundraising activities to further benefit the squad. Those students who volunteered their time found it to be not only a learning experience, but a rewarding one as well.

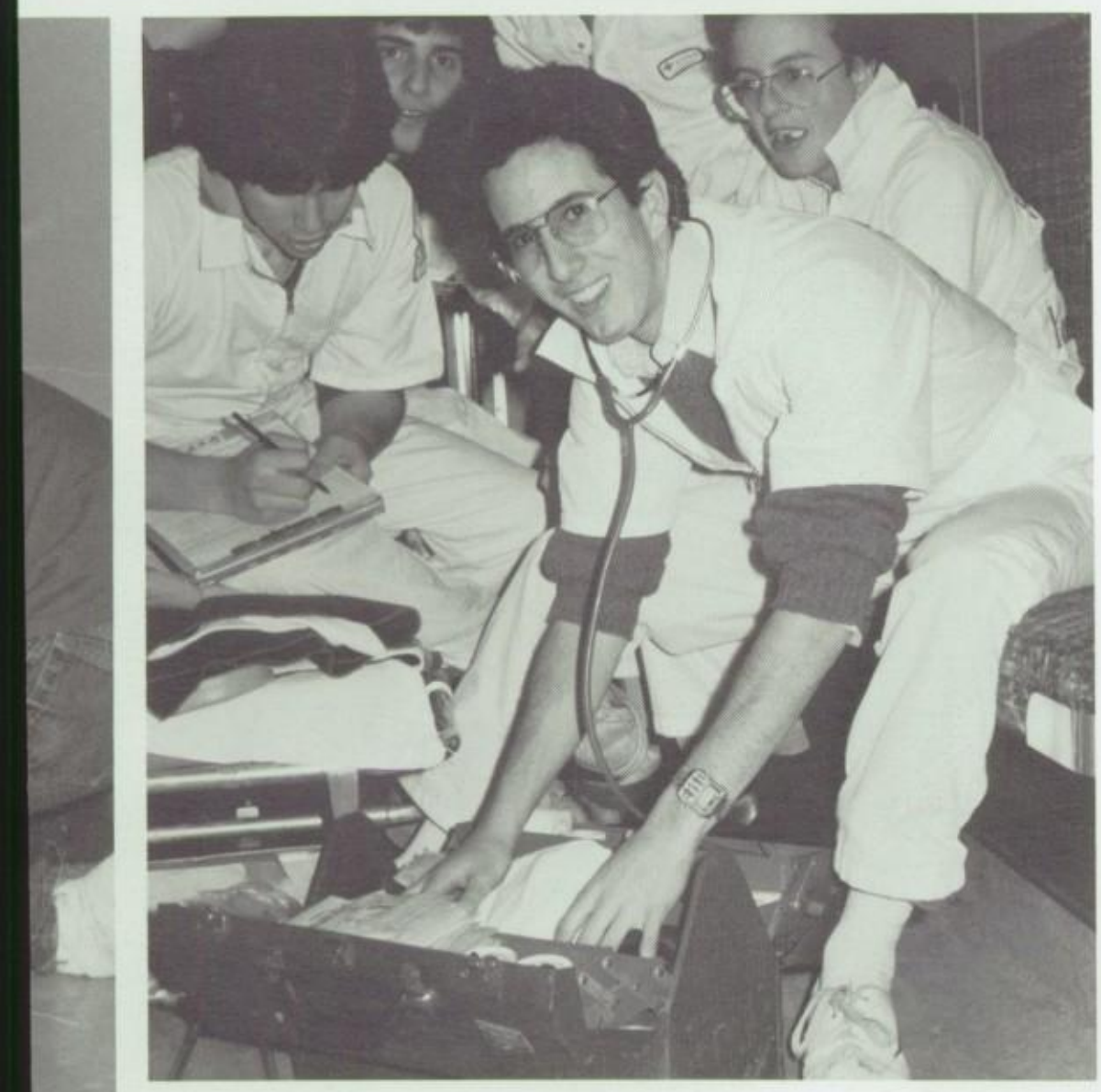
Medical Career Group. Top Gary Grippo, Michael Bromley, Robert Shultz, Peter Marcus, Stefanie Klein, Howie Tarshis, Jason Kellerman, Larry Fields, Middle Joey Ponzoniv, Seth Berk, David Shevlin, Geraldine McSweeney, Elyse Sussman, Ian Sklaver, Jennifer Naparstek, Kelly Stein, Jill Worner, Bottom Seitler, Diane Turdo, Darren Folb, Rhonda Mednick, Leslie Gerstenfeld, Lori Weiser, Nicole Bandiero, Jill Zimmerman, Daniel Silversten.



It takes two. Michele Meda and Adam Goldfarb use the tandem technique of CPR.

A draining experience. Senior Eric Knapp has a look of gratification as he gives a great gift.





Saving lives. Alan Hanstein, Jeff Posner, Bruce Gimpel, and Walter Seltzer take time out from their busy routine to put things in order.

The education in health that students received at Ramapo taught them an important lesson: "To give is better than to receive." Students gave the greatest gift of all - the gift of life. Ramapo's blood drive, the largest in the county, collected over 200 pints. The success of the drive can be attributed to the dedication of Donald Cairns, a Ramapo social studies teacher, who took on the responsibility of organizing the drive. With the help of student volunteers, the gym was transformed into a clinic that ran efficiently. The procedure was simple. After registering, each donor underwent several tests to see if he was qualified to donate. Then, he lay down on a table while the nurse drew the blood. Afterwards, he relaxed and ate to help replenish the lost vitamins and restore energy. First time donors learned the process was simple and painless. "I feel good knowing what I did today. It's the best kind of charity you can give," commented first time donor Andrea Merolle. Many students made donating blood a regular practice.

In addition to the drive held at Ramapo, a busload of students and teachers went into the city to the Sloan Kettering hospital to donate blood to help Corey Hewitt, a victim of cancer. Thanks to the donations of Ramapo students his life was made a little easier.

Ramapo's increased awareness of health, made us healthier and happier people. Not only were we in better physical condition, but we were also in a clearer frame of mind. This combination of body and mind made the Ramapo student a more superior one - both physically and mentally.

Typecast. Bethany Marks displays a tee-shirt given to all blood drive participants.

Career Planning

Career exploration is needed and sought many Ramapo students. To help meet the needs of these ambitious students, a number of career groups have been formed. This year, each career group elected student officers who with the members of the group, chose an entourage of speakers, events, and field trips for the group. A faculty adviser was available to the students for insight and guidance.

Students who enjoyed working with animals found Fauna, the Animal Care Career Group, to be extremely stimulating. Fauna members attended many programs concerning animal care, veterinary medicine, and saving wildlife. They took field trips to the Rockland County Spay and Neuter Clinic, the Museum of Natural History, and the Animal Medical Center. These offerings helped students interested in a career with animals to become familiar with subjects with which they would most probably encounter.

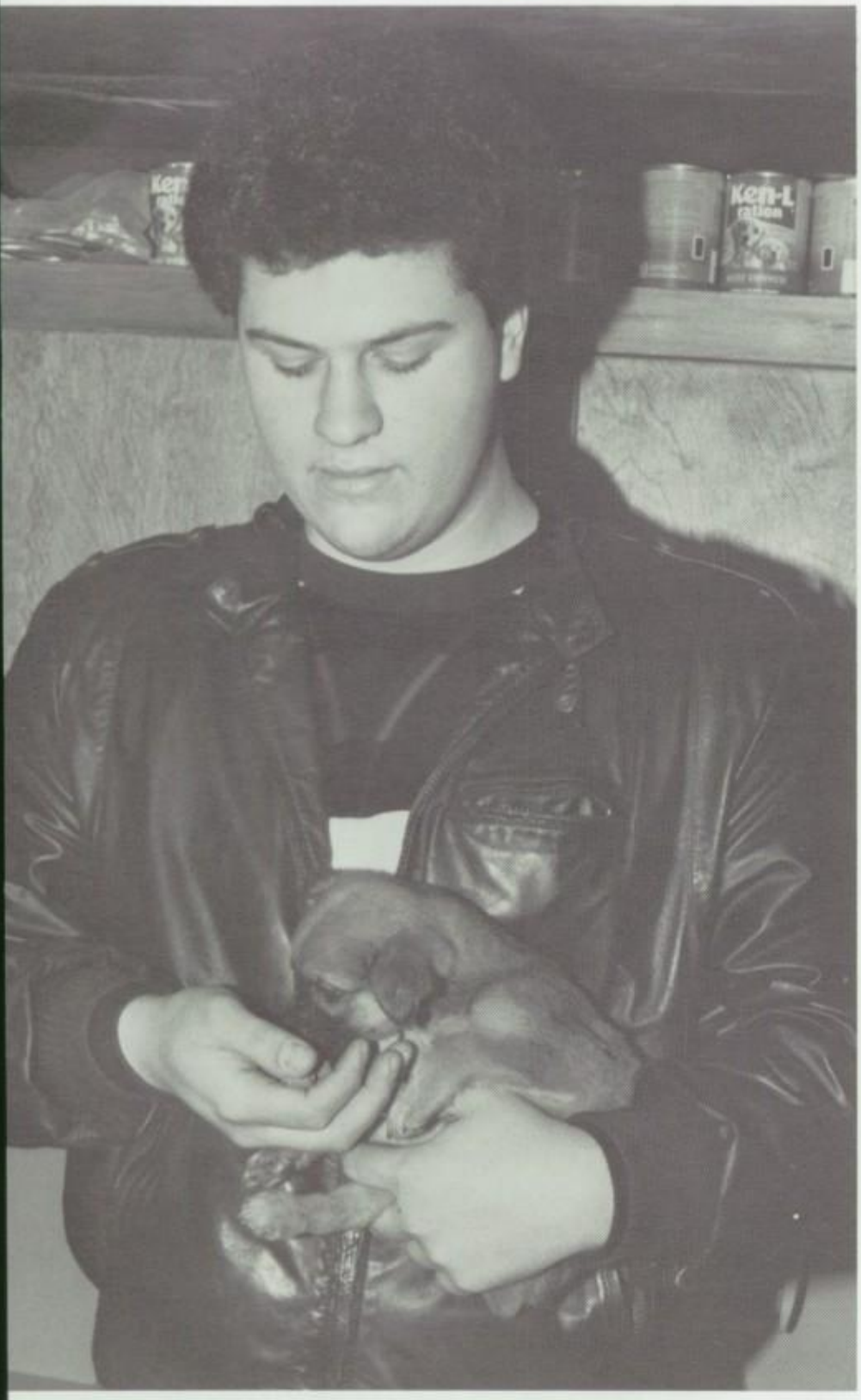
The Business Career Group provided an excellent experience for students interested in a business career. This group gave students the chance to attend programs and meet experts for advice on careers dealing with accounting, financial planning, computers, personnel management, and real estate. The members of the Business Career Group enjoyed various lectures on managing and advertising, computers in business, and careers in accounting. The students learned how to plan for the future and enter the job market. They also heightened their experience through field trips to the Fashion Institute of Technology, IBM, and the Merchandising Show at the Coliseum. The Business Career Group provided its members with a keen understanding of the business world.

Psychoanalysis. Christine Chapins learns about Freud.

Law Career Group. Bottom: Sharon Vancura, Jennifer Damein, Diana Ruthen, Janet Montalvo. Middle: Jackie DiGiovanni, John Cutler, Lori Bregman, Priscilla Saltzman, Gary Baptiste, Richard Geohaghan. Top: Jeffrey McCullan, Philip Ruthen, Jeffrey Lempert, Jared Kalina, and Laura Mikulaninec.

Phychology Career Group. Bottom: Jennifer Naparstek, Mary Pabon, Joel Caducio. Middle: Eric Goldstein, Jonathan Flaum, Ann Beth Trubitz, Kelly Stein. Top: Mr. Thomas Curran, Mrs. Abby Clayman, M
Paul Plotnick.

Eating out of the palm of his hand. Michael Maroff feeds an adorable puppy at a local animal shelter.



Fauna. Debra Ackerman, Stacy Abrams, Suzanne Adoff, Velerie Richards, Nicole Bandiero, Amanda Davis, Joseph McLaughlin, and Michael Maroff.

Opportunity Knocks

For students with ability and a serious interest in art, the Art Career Group offered the opportunity to make on-site visits and meet professionals who gave advice on careers in architecture, advertising, commercial art, fashion and interior design. Several speakers gave presentations covering Owning an Art Gallery, Commercial Art in Advertising and Photography. Selected students attended an Open House at the Fashion Institute of Technology where they met with designers, graphic artists, and photographers. The Art Career Group also took advantage of the offerings of Rockland Community College when they viewed the Architectural Exhibit.

The science of Psychology has always fascinated a large number of students, and those who joined the Psychology and Human Services Career Group had an opportunity to broaden their knowledge in this area. They acquired information about various aspects of psychology through speakers, discussions and field trips. Dream Analysis, Family Abuse and Hypnosis were some of the topics discussed. Students were able to observe professionals at work when they visited the Rockland Research Institute and the Rockland Psychiatric Center. The many activities in which this group took part provided the members of the Psychology Career Group with a chance to express their interests and learn more about the field of psychology.

The Law Career Group was informative for those who plan on a career in law. Members of this club gained experience and knowledge in the field of law. Guest speakers talked about personal experiences and touched on subjects concerning Family Court, Women in Politics and Medical Malpractice. Students were provided with a background in law and viewed the Justice System in progress. They witnessed the Rockland County Courthouse, a mock trial on child abuse and a trial with Judge Edelstein. The members were very lucky to be provided with many interesting experiences and events.

One of the most gratifying projects undertaken by the students of the Law Career Group was their participation in the New York State Bar Association Mock Trial. Students took the roles fo attorneys and witnesses in a drunk driving case—both from a plaintiff and defense point of view. These students researched and argued their positions before Rockland County judges against other high school teams.

In future years the SCS/CAP coordinator Esther Cember hopes to increase the number and scope of the career groups. Plans include more groups involved with science research and computers.

In The Public Eye

Telecommunications is one of the fastest growing fields today, and students got a head start in learning the basics of the industry in Ramapo's many media courses. The courses, taught by Mrs. Lorene Jayson, aided by Allan Rosenberg, included radio and television production, as well as advertising techniques.

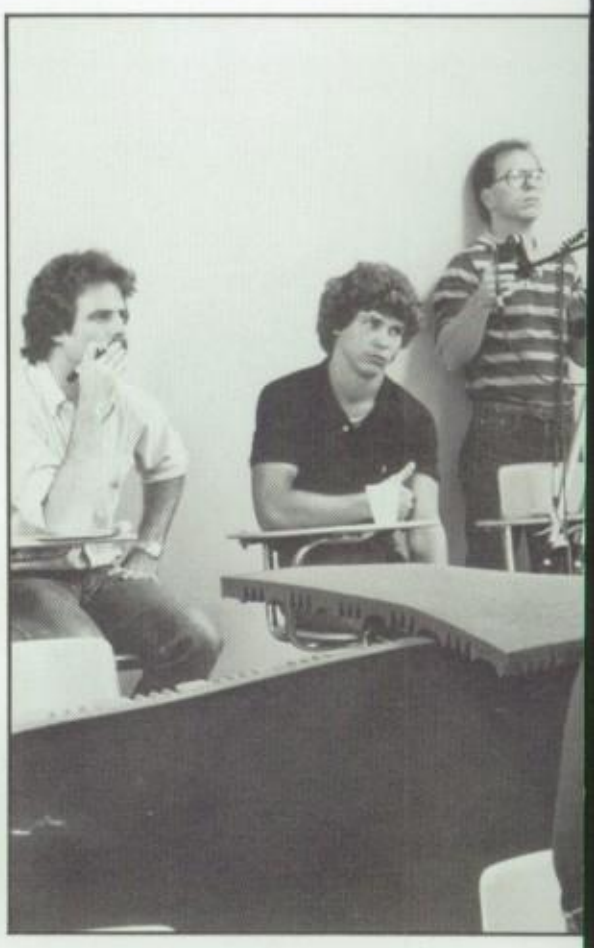
Ramapo students who took the radio course learned how to operate the school radio station, WRAM, and how to write copy for broadcast. The course began with a look into the exciting and fascinating history of radio through the study of such classic shows as "The War of the Worlds" and "The Shadow". The classes learned that radio has its own special kind of magic in that we never see who is speaking and must use our imaginations. When the time came for students to program the radio station, this was an important aid in creating an image.

The students who took the Television Production class focused on learning how to operate the school's video equipment as well as scripts and story boards. The technically oriented student had the chance to act as cameraman. The creative student had the opportunity to write his own drama, comedy, or soap opera. As for the closet ham, there was the chance to act before a camera and see himself on television. The final project of the class was to present your own T.V. program. These programs ranged from silly sit-coms to music videos, and they proved how creative Ramapo students can be.

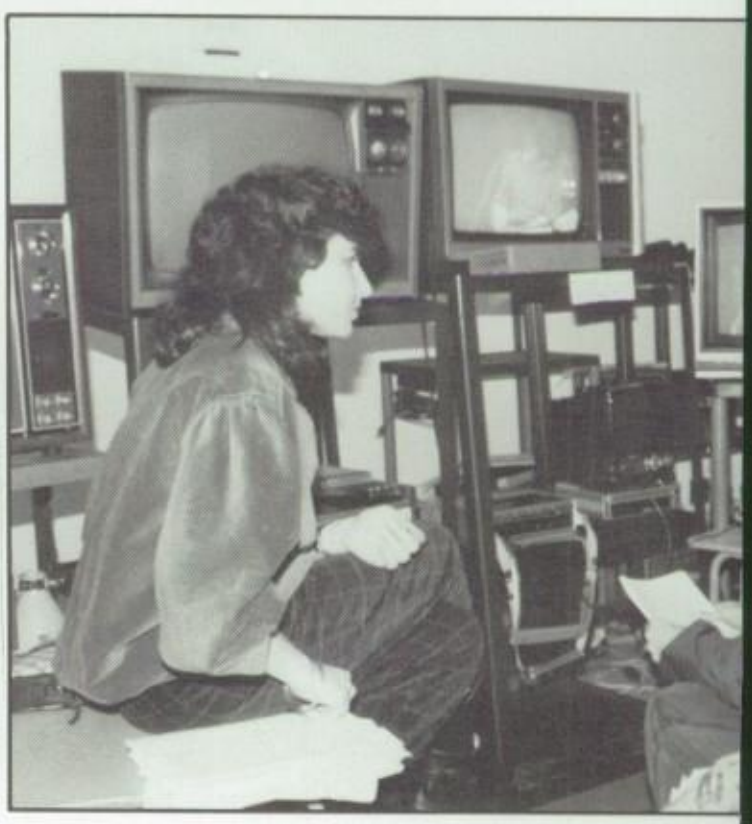
The advertising course dealt with the history and the techniques of advertising. A favorite part of the course was the study of "subliminal seduction," which is when advertisers include hidden messages in their advertisements to prompt people to buy their products. The students found themselves searching for subliminal messages in everything from Coke commercials to underwear ads.

All of Ramapo reaped the rewards of the Media courses. Every morning, from 7:30 to 7:50, students and teachers were treated to radio broadcasts over the loudspeakers, with music ranging from the latest pop tunes to opera and jazz. A new addition to the media department of the school was the video room complete with its large screen television. Classes wanting to see a movie as an aid to their curriculum could now see it in the movie theater atmosphere of the video room.

You're on the air. WRKL manager Bobbie Lewis tapes Michael Patterson's radio show for future broadcasting.



In the swing of things. Dan Brewington broadcasts his morning radio show throughout the school.



The boob tube. Wendy Cohen and friends take advantage of Ramapo's media center.

Ramapo's Media Career Group. (Top L to bottom R): Mrs. E. Cember, Lisa Drucker, Jill Heller, Dana Morrell, Rosanne Farber, Stephen Flynn, Jeff Schwartz, Mark Marin, Kim DeBaum, Laurie Bregman, Mia Lipsit, Jon Chess, Brian Gorsky, Jamie Levitt, David Schwartz, Julio Gallego, Andrea Dresdale, Christine Ciffullo, Gwen Shusterman, Steven Frank, and Rachel Sloan.

Communicating Ideas

Lights, camera, action. The Communication Plus crew films a documentary for the National Education Association in Mr. Burkins' classroom.

In the beginning of the school year, the television students got to watch the actual production of a documentary which was filmed in our school, using Ramapo students as extras. The documentary, filmed by Communication Plus, Inc., was a promotional film for the National Educational Association (NEA). The film was about an insurance plan offered to members of the NEA. Communication Plus chose Ramapo from a large group of schools for three basic reasons: the extremely cooperative administrative staff, the diverse cross-section of students, and its geographic location. This filming gave students the chance to see what goes into a television production. In addition to the media courses, the Media Career Group enabled students to further their media education. The club has taken several fascinating field trips, including a visit to NBC studios, WNBC radio station, and a taping of the Bill Boggs show. This provided the students with a behind-the-scenes look at the industry. The Media Career Group also subsidized the radio and T.V. stations by selling the famous Snickers candy bars.

The Media program at Ramapo included some of the school's more popular courses, and offered the chance to learn more about telecommunications.

No, I won't change your grade! Media teacher Loraine Jayson enters test results into her grade book.

Tenth Anniversary

Ramapo High School had an ideal set up for the student interested in child development and child psychology. The Understanding Preschoolers course taught by Mrs. Cheryl Knapp had a lot to offer. This year marked the tenth anniversary of the nursery school program. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from October through June, toddlers actually came to the class for nursery school. The class became a preschool from 9:30 in the morning until 12:30 in the afternoon. They were picked up and dropped off by their parents and greeted at the door by Mrs. Knapp's students. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, topics such as child development, care, and psychology were discussed and taught. The childhood development theories of Piaget, degrees of cognitive development and perception were also discussed. Although the class for both Ramapo students and toddlers was fun, serious topics such as child abuse and related problems were also brought into play.

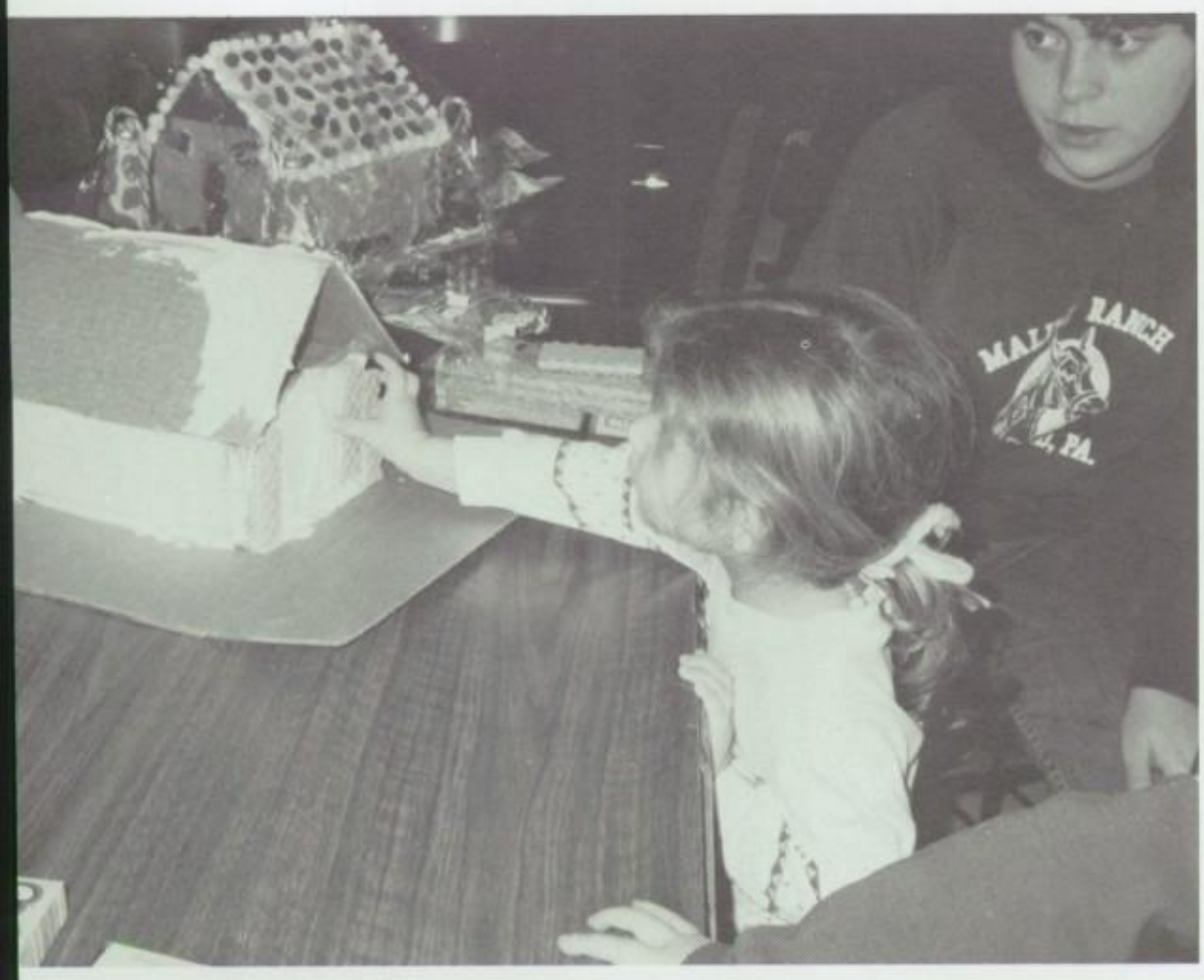
A little help from a friend. Danielle Muniz lends a helping hand.

Role reversal. Two young gentlemen take over the job of washing dishes.

Two of a kind. What mischief lies behind these double pair of eyes.

Time out. This youngster takes a well deserved break from her activities.

Sweet dreams. Lori Sussman watches her little friend build a candy house.



Storytime. Lynn McCarthy and the nursery school children listen to a story.

Kidding Around

For the children who came to the nursery school, the day began seated in a circle for a quiet discussion and/or organized group game. Later on, free time for constructive playing was alotted. Since classes at Ramapo change every forty minutes, so did the "student teachers" of the nursery school. The toddlers quickly adjusted to the new faces and became quite attatched to Ramapo students (emotionally and physically). At the end of a rough day of playing with blocks and crayon coloring, the kids were escorted to the front door by the caring students of Mrs. Knapp.

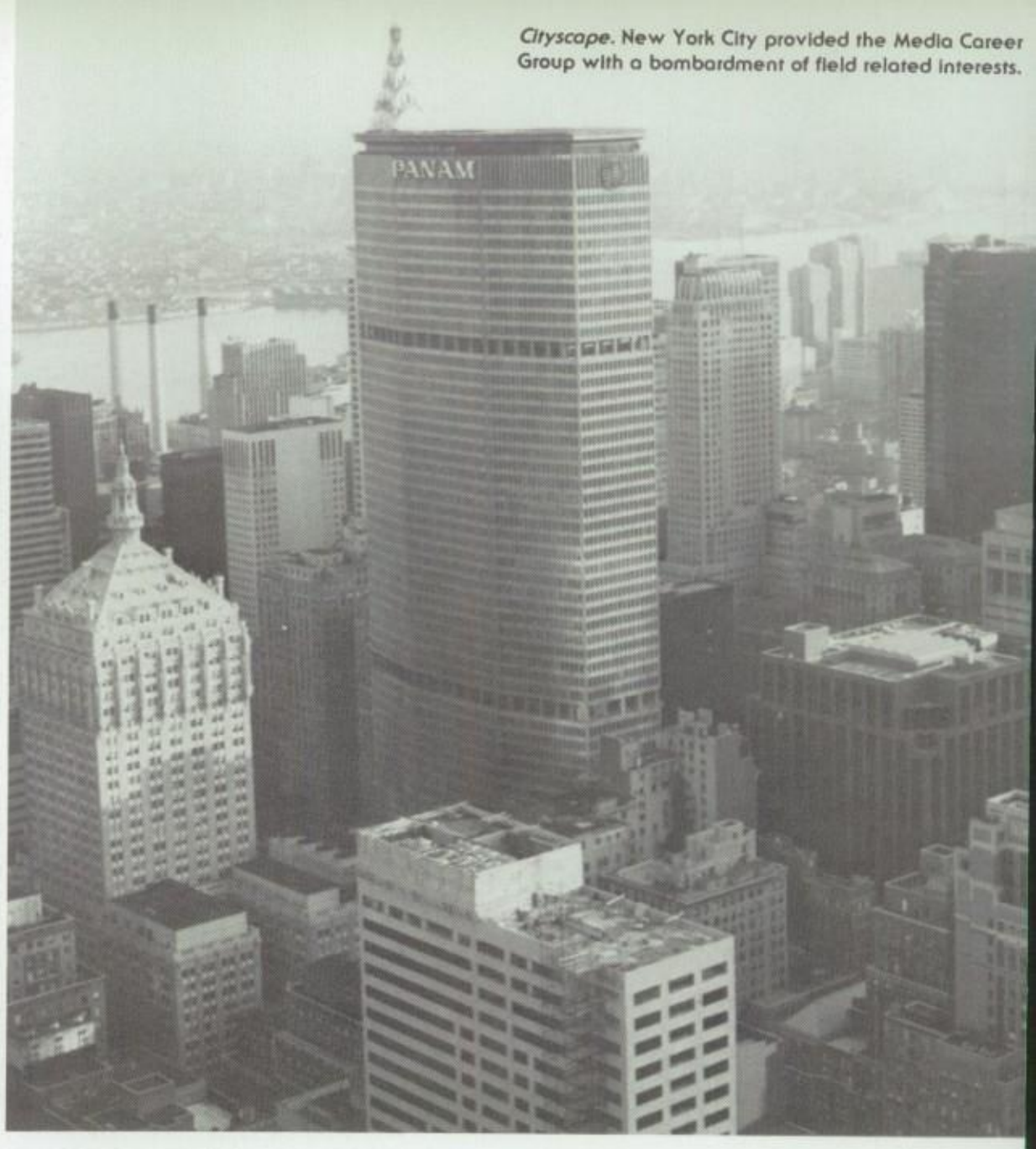
As described by Mrs. Knapp, the interaction between the youngsters and Ramapo students was like magic. Just as many of the children had become attatched to the Ramapo students, so had Ramapo students become attatched to the children. Strong relationships built on trust and friendship developed. For Ramapo students with an extra special interest in preschool education, care or psychology, a follow-up course in child development was also offered. To be eligible for the course, students must have had an eighty-five or better average and been recommended. Six transferrable credits from Rockland Community College could be earned upon completing the course successfully. Ramapo was the first high school in Rockland to arrange for juniors or seniors to earn credits if they planned a career in early childhood development or a related field. In this independent study course, students kept a journal of child observations and began a portfolio for college.

Mrs. Knapp's Understanding Preschoolers class had great benefits for all involved. The kids loved it while the students gained experience in dealing with children of this age group. Ramapo students were able to understand more about themselves and their own childhoods by this experience. Perhaps most enjoyable of all was remembering the time spent in nursery school and reliving it vicariously. In this tenth anniversary of the Ramapo High School nursery program, the children learned from students and the students learned from children.

Taking Advantage

While most things have their bounds, the education system is not necessarily limited to the classroom environment. There is a whole world out there, full of people and places that are all relevant to learning, yet unable to be fully perceived from a textbook. Experience is a significant part of the learning process because it contributes a visual picture that can then be linked with the facts already studied in school. For example, all English classes read plays in class and study them in great detail. However, when the play was seen acted out, it took on a whole new meaning, and reached a level above understanding. This year, many of the English classes studying "Death of a Salesman" by Arthur Miller had a rare opportunity to see the play on Broadway in a limited run performance. This was one of the hottest tickets on Broadway probably because of Dustin Hoffman's incredible performance that was compared to the original Lee J. Cobb. Over one hundred students went and all had orchestra seats. Certainly the visualization reinforced the already learned concepts, accounting for a slight peak in English grades that quarter.

Broadway was just one New York City spot out of many that class trips visited. Most teachers took advantage of the vast metropolis next door when planning class trips. The Media classes enjoyed quite a few tours of the different T.V. and radio studios. The Science classes took a "hospital tour," visiting various specialty hospitals such as the Hospital for Joint Disease Control. The Zoology class visited an animal center where they saw X-rays, labs, and surgery. They also spoke with animal social workers and psychologists, something only found in a city like New York. They also enjoyed a day at the Museum of Natural History where they studied the evolution of nature. The U.S.S.R. History classes went to see the Georgian Dancers, and then had a lavish four course dinner at the National Restaurant. The restaurant features Russian food, music, and dancing, allowing the students to spend an evening in the Soviet culture, fully capturing the flavor of the romantic history of the country.



Cityscape. New York City provided the Media Career Group with a bombardment of field related interests.

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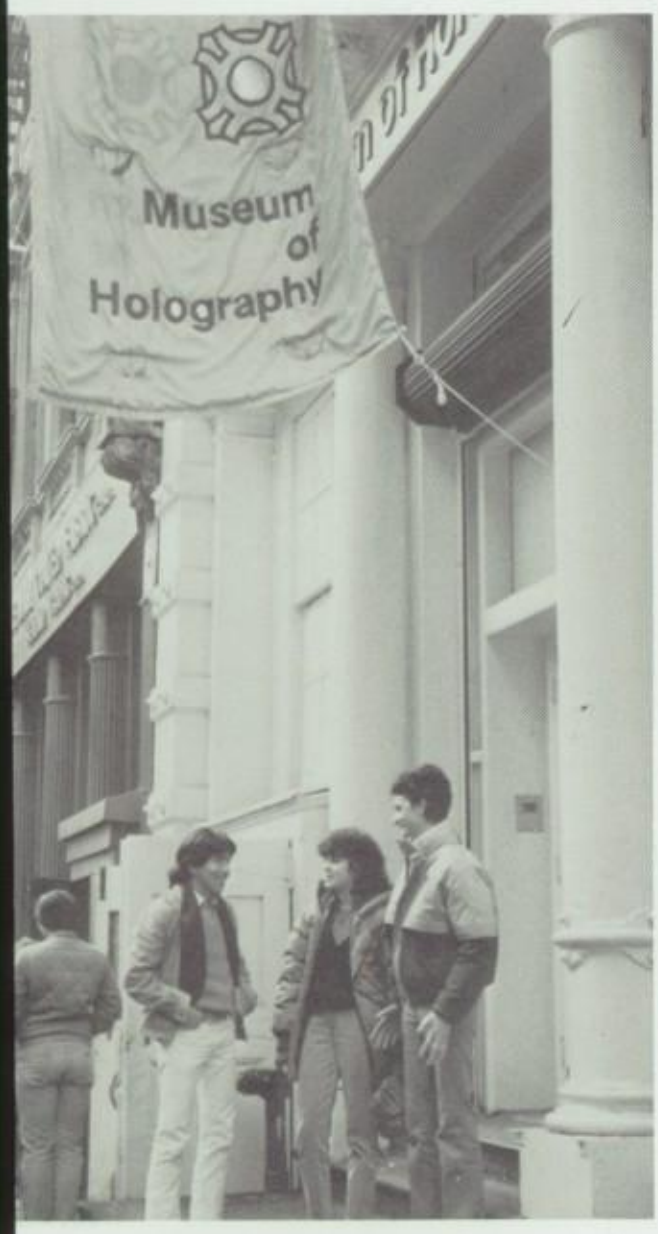
The World At Our Feet

Kommrades! Ruvain Gittleman and Philip Freedbaum await their first taste of Chicken Kiev.



What's a holograph? Julio Gallego, Lisa Drucker and Wayne Lokinsky went to the Museum of Holography with the Media Career Group to find this out.

Studio view of an interview. One of the Media Career Group's most interesting trips was a trip to a television studio to see Midday with Bill Boggs with Tony Randall as a guest.

On Broadway. On a trip taken by several English classes, David Brown and Barry Weinberger, saw Dustin Hoffman in *Death of a Salesman.*

In addition to the many trips the career groups and classes took to the city, they also found many interesting places to go locally. The Journalism class took a tour of the Journal News, the psychology classes visited Rockland State Hospital, and various social studies classes toured the Court House—all local attractions.

Many special speakers where also "imported" to bring their superior knowledge and expertise to the class. These lectures added an additional dimension to the students education—that of experience. Speakers could relate what had happened to them personally, telling stories from their own past experiences that were relevant to the topics. They had already learned from their mistakes, and could tell students how to try to avoid making them. Their lectures made the class more interesting, in some cases adding spice to a subject that would have been dull.

A class trip or lecture meant more than a day out of school or free period. It was a variation in the normal education process. Rather than taking notes, students were observing, with all of their senses. Rather then reading about a hospital, they were in it. Rather than taking notes about a television studio, they were inside of one watching a T.V. show being taped live. The experience surrounded them. Facts were much easier to remember for exams when they were linked with the visual reinforcement that the trips provided. Class trips and lectures quickly became an integral part of the education system based upon the positive results they brought about.

Mediums to teach Media. Many modes of teaching media techniques were used such as speaker Lisa Rhodes in the Media Career Group.

Off To A Head Start

For students of Ramapo who had decided what specific vocation they wanted to pursue following their high school years, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (B.O.C.E.S.) provided a challenging and exciting program. Students in B.O.C.E.S. were interested in a specific career and they were dedicated to learning all about it. They learned everything that they needed to know in order to enter the business world directly after high school. These students spent either the morning or the afternoon at the B.O.C.E.S. facility in Bardonia and during the other half of the day they attended Ramapo to take the course required for graduation. While at B.O.C.E.S. the students prepared for careers in a variety of fields including electronics, computer repair, auto mechanics, word processing, and culinary arts. The students participated in intense, on the job training. They learned the technical skills which would be needed in their future occupation. This program was both rigorous and demanding. The students, however, felt it was worth the hard work because they obtained the necessary knowledge and experience which opened the doors to many job opportunities in the fields that they had selected. Students who graduated from Ramapo with a B.O.C.E.S. background were extremely well prepared for immediately entering the vocation they had chosen and studied.

Want a light? Mark Scherer sho .vs off his welding torch as he prepares for his next assignment.

Rent a Wreck. Nelson Gonzalez works ardently on a car to make it presentable as well as functional.

On key. B.O.C.E.S. has made Data Processing easier for Connie Sharp and Keith Scarlet.

Hard at work. Antonio Doublet practices the skills needed for a career in plumbing.

Alternative Education

Just good friends. Debe Black, Risa Engel, Jean Vessey, Paul Block, and Colin Jones take a breather after some challenging school work.

On the other hand. Debe Black presents her opinion of the issue.

Keep up the good work. Jan Fisher tells Colin Jones that his work has greatly improved.

Knowledge is a tool not easily attained. It requires more than innate wisdom; but also an extreme amount of motivation to achieve our greatest success. There were many students at Ramapo who had the potential to do well academically, but felt the need to express their talents in a setting other than a conventional school such as Ramapo. Quest, a program led by Larry Greenbush, was set up for the benefit of these students. It consisted of students who spent one half of the day attending classes at Ramapo and the other half of the day as a group at Kakiat Junior High School. The Quest classes were smaller and they were given in a more relaxed atmosphere. The students in Quest received more individualized attention. Quest was arranged in six cycles rather than two semesters. For each cycle the students could change their scheduled classes in order to broaden their range of studies. This program provided the students with all the attention they needed and deserved. Quest was Ramapo's way of helping students achieve their full potential and prepare for their future.

Sit back and relax. Risa Engel finds that studying is easier while reclining.

Recognition At Last

Anything that takes effort is sure to benefit the individual who initially puts in the effort. Those students who took advantage of the high quality academic programs in Ramapo were motivated by the competition and eventually rewarded by being inducted into one, two, or all three of Ramapo's Honor Societies. These students were the cream of an already superior crop, and were Ramapo's most prized students.

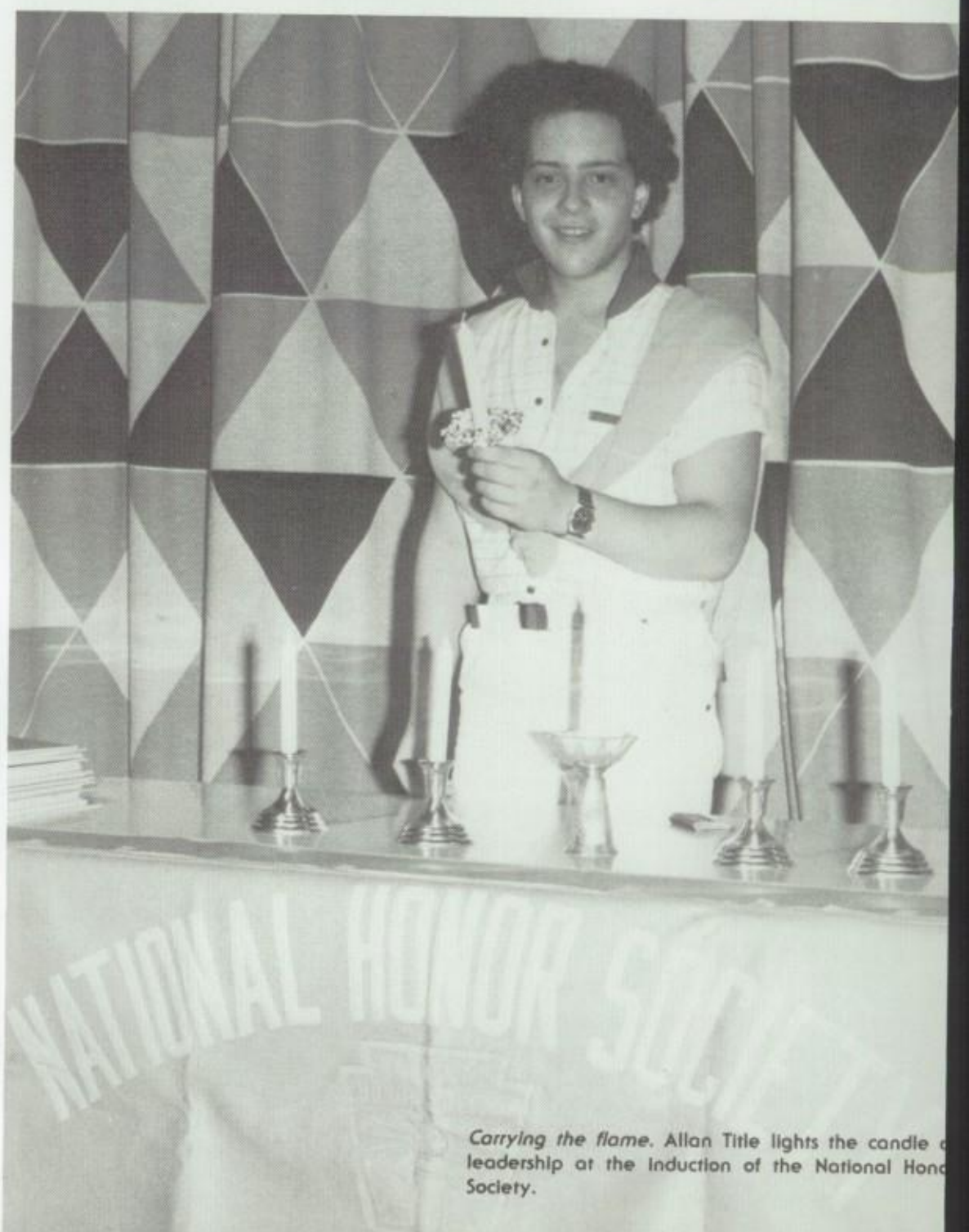
The three honor societies are all conducted on a national level, and all have specific requirements. The National Foreign Language Honor Society only allows students who have completed a Regents sequence in a language to be eligible. Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society) members must be in their third year of math and plan on continuing this sequence. However, students in any honor society must have exhibited the basic qualities in the National Honor Society has made its standard: leadership, scholarship, citizenship, service, and a cummulative average of 94.6. The students are chosen by a committee of teachers and graduating members of the societies.

The induction into an honor society is a memorable event for the inductee. Honor signified achievement; induction signified recognition. It was an exhilarating feeling to know that effort had not gone unnoticed, and was something to be glorified.

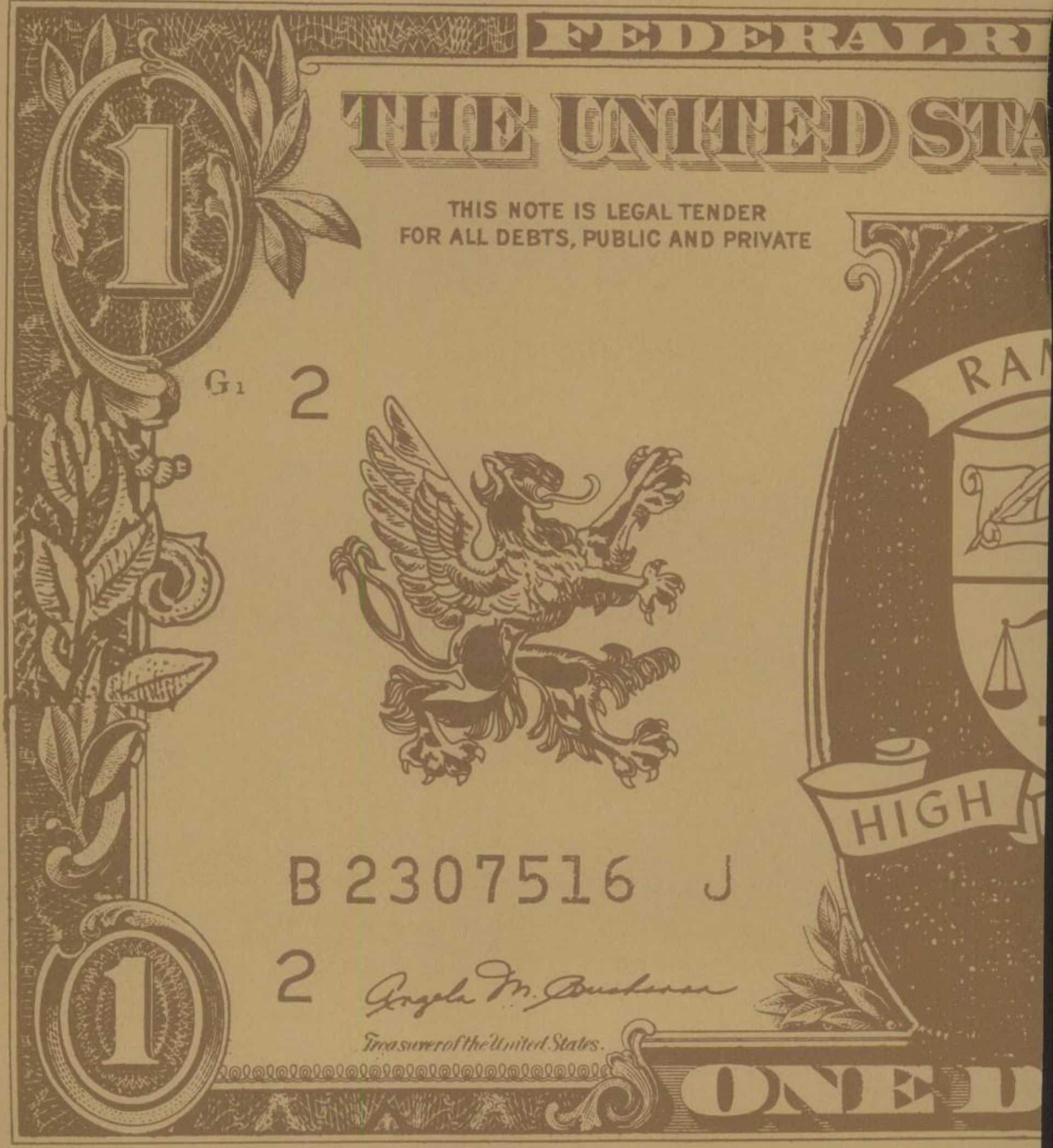
Music maker. Mark Steinberg provided entertainment during the National Honor Society Induction.

Certificates of honor. Pictured here are a variety of the awards signifying membership in many of the honor societies.

Foreign Language Honor Society. Front: Mark Weissman, Cynthia Aguas, Steven Frank, Debra Ganz, Michael Ortenberg, Back: Mitchell Hamerman, Mark Steinberg, Gail Lichtenberg, Brad Bolnick, Tracy Kramer



Carrying the flame. Allan Title lights the candle of leadership at the induction of the National Honor Society.



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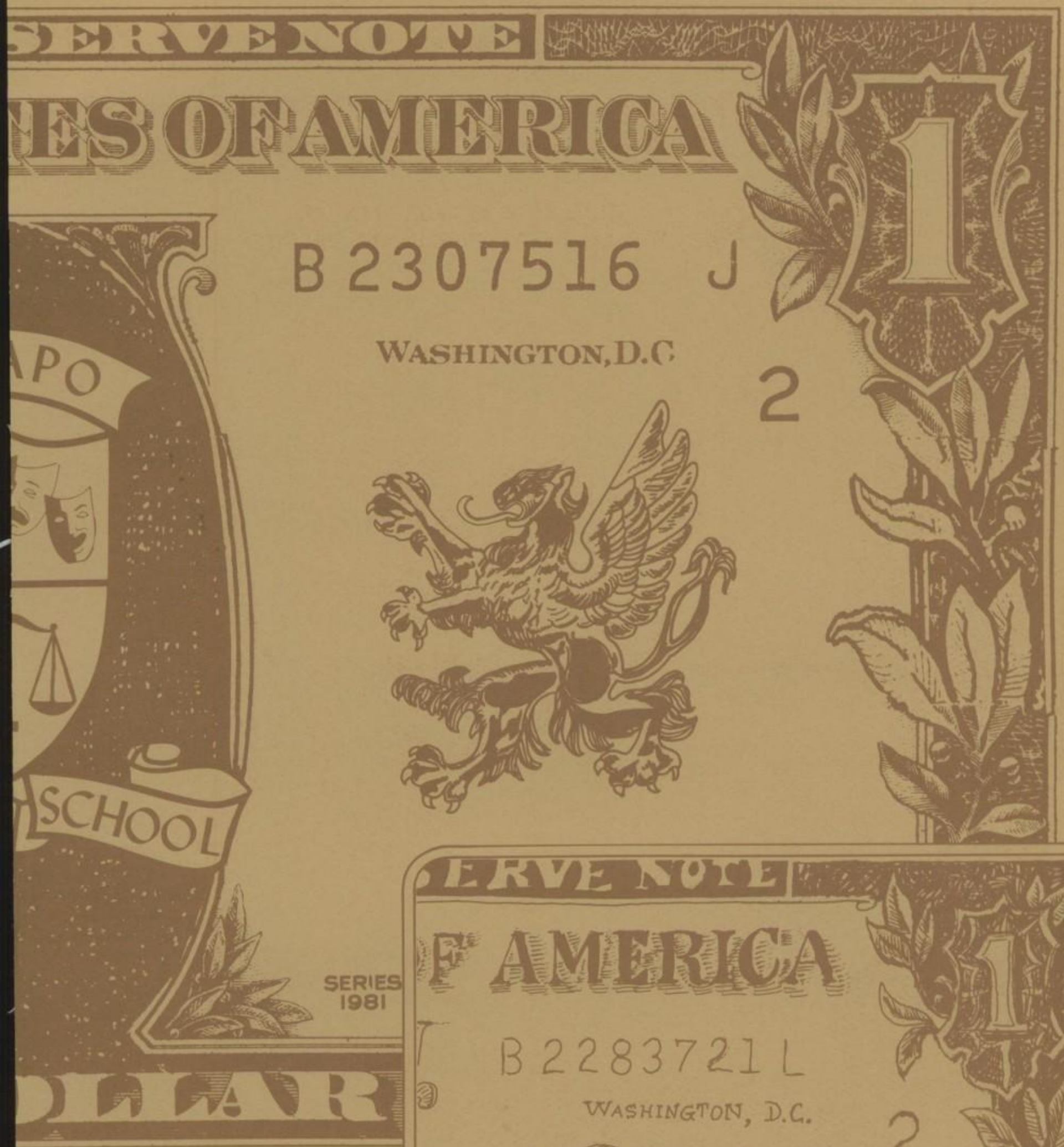

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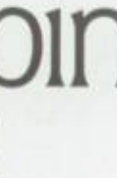

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Love, Mom, Dad, Barbara, Amanda, & Blackjack

Dear Lauren- Congratulations! We love you & we're so proud of all you've accomplished. Love, Mom, Dad, & Todd

Dear Greg- We love you and are bursting with pride. Break a leg!
Mom, Gary, Doug, & Grandma

To Brenda, I am very proud of you having accomplished your senior year. This is only the beginning. The best is yet to come, so I wish you all success and happiness in the future.
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Darren- What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.
All our love-Mom, Dad, and Michelle

Jonathan, with your know-how and our best wishes there's a wonderful road ahead. Love, Mom, David, & Danny

Dear Stephen, Watching you grow up has been the most exciting and gratifying experience in my life. As you step into adulthood, I know you will follow your path and be true to yourself. My love and thoughts will be with you always. Mommy

Dear Steve, Cliff, and Andy, Wishing you a life filled with music and friends, Love, The Schenfelds

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Congratulations Jill. We knew you could do it.
Love- Mom, Dad, & Frank

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We're very proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, & Jason

You have been our pride and inspiration for the 17 years we have known you. Keep it up! Parents of Laura Jean Hill- Class '85

Erik, you've made us very proud.
Love, Dad & Chris

Amy J. Sherman- Mazel Tov!
Mom is proud of you!

Dear Peter, You light up our lives!
Love, Mom and Dad

Kenneth- You have made us so proud. Congratulations and continued success throughout college. Live life to the utmost. Don't let anything stand in your way in attaining your dreams. We love you, Mom, Dad, & Glenn

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Love Always, Mom and Dad

To Brian Jay- You make us so proud to be your parents. May all your hopes and dreams come true. We love you- Mom & Dad

Dear Andrea: We're proud of you and we love you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Nikky, and Samee

My son, James Powers, My footprints of immortality walk through life, head held high, fear nothing, experience all, and know my love walks with you.

TJ- Congratulations and the best of luck in the future. We love you and we're proud of you. Mom and Dad

Dear Robin, We are all so proud of you and your achievements as you graduate from H.S. Continued success and best wishes for your future. You shall always have our love and support through the years. With all our love, Mom, Dad, Scott, Grandma Betty, Grandpa Jack & Grandma Lottie

Dear Beth Robin, You make us proud.
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So don't stop now, and don't slow down
There's a world just waiting for you,
With all our love and all our faith,
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Michael- I am glad you found my house when you got lost when you were two years old.
Bern- I can feel the vibration. The dog? The grandfather? Who cares, where can we buy the accessories? Love, Geraldine.
Steve, Hotel New Hampshire was great! I wonder where Christine is now? When are you going to move out of the boondocks? Mike.
HIEYEGYE- We've survived. Thanks for everything! OHWGETHANX- There was one person in the condo.
Ricky- Yearbook's over (happy?) Prude, huh? Thanks for being there and being you. You're great! Love always, Regina
Yearbook headquarters-Halley Drive-computer?? How?? Crissy, are you there?-Where's my pica ruler?-layout vs. caption crew (thanks guys)-more munster, Mike!-David, can I have some paper?-C rrib, you smell-Remember when this song used to do things for us?-it's a hard habit to break-Rob-this is NOT alphabetical!-I need a quote! I need a quote!-Gotta go-the pizza's here.
Ka-O.K. Here goes-Babboon face, giraffe legs, KGB, Jap 1, 2, 3, etc . Too many years for one page. I hope we have more to add. What would I do without 5440? Love, S.F.
Moleface-We have shared so much and cared so much. You always had an ear, even the night of my hysteria. Thanks! Don't forget your little helper at Bamb's. Our talks, our notes in Joselow's, and all of the time's we shared. Your friend forever, ?? (it's me silly!).
El- Booneville, Oneonta, my house, your house, the extinct gruesome foursome and so much more. We've done it all together! Love you! G.
Robin, How do you play football? Get a wider driveway, and while you're at it, remove the mailbox and telephone pole from Kerith's lawn. And don't fall down! Love, Mike.
Dear Laura (Bucky!) comp. math- Oh che forca! Do you work hard for your money?-Italian has been great! Love always, Andrea.
Ians- Go away! Keep me away from electricity- You do it! Through all our "fights", I'm glad we're friends.- Karin.
D.S. and M.B.-You're the best friend anyone could have. I hope it stays that way ala Big Chill. (I loathe the bus: Mr. Robot and Denoto's: Christine: J.4..)- S.F.
Robin- We'll probably be late to our own weddings, but isn't it funny how we were always almost the first ones in school! Love, Geraldine.
Dear Stacey- Cheesecake and RCC were a blast- I love you always- Bye y'all- BLAP- Love, Andrea. (Drea Rolly).
Elyse- Can we talk?? Want to have a sleepover party? Don't ever drive on a flat tire! I don't think I could have made it through this year without you! Love, Robin.
Andrea DaBronx and Geri J.A.- Thanks for being you- fun and lovable. Love, Steven.
Amy Sue- Men let's continue! BC calc. HA! Twins without fins! I will always be a Sue.
Karin- Driver's ed was the best. Try not to blow up your car, though. Love, Geraldine.
Jeanine- JI Want to go to Friendly's? We will always be the best of friends. I love you! Love always Robin.
Lisa- We've had so many great times together. Please, don't let them ever end. I hope you feel the same way (Vassar Versa). Love, Steven.
Andrea D.- Watch out Miller, Imus and Casey, here she comes! Syracuse doesn't know what they're getting into! Love, Elyse.
Ian- You should talk? You wore a certain sweatshirt a lot more than I did. You're still a great friend.
Nat- We always seem to laugh when we get together, from earth science to chemistry, and now yearbook. I wish you nothing but the best- you deserve it. Love, Geraldine.
Capt. Rich- We're free from the Bald Eagle - Steven.
To my Physics crew- Robin, David, Mike, Ian, Bernie, Nat and Amy - I LOVE Physics!- Karin.
Kerituh! Joyous were our many seniorial experiences. Try we shall to stay in touch! Daviduh.
Ger- Hi! If we leave now, we might be early. I hope we will always be friends. Love, Robs.
Congratulations to the winner of the Ian Levy Model Student Award- Corey Jassem. Best wishes, Mr. Q.C.
S.W. I remember! 693-3491. G.M.
Robin Sue- Make new friends, but keep the old . . . one is silver; the other, gold. I know its corny, but appropriate, because you'll always be gold to me. I love you! Kerith Lynn.
To my Fox- Thank you for making me so happy and always being there. Love, your Cutie (So I got that going for me; which is nice, an original by Phil-lip Hello!).
To everyone I love- "So now it's time to change our ways, but I've loved these days." - Karin.

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Em- You are the greatest friend ever. I wish you the best always. SVOTS forever. I love you. Love, Lauren
Dear Lori- Thanks for being there! You mean so much to me. I love you like a sister. Love, Patrice
Dear Beth, Well we finally made it. You're the greatest. I love you Love, Patrice
Tammy- How's the Prelude, the cides? M.G. love you deeply. Thanks for all the endless memories. Love, Lauren and Anne
To the "Take Care" Gang, You b - - - - 's are the best. Here's to you for making my senior your outrageous. I think that we'll all drink to that. I love you and I'll miss you. Luv, Lisa
Lisa- You've been the best. Never 4-get CM, JW, PIDGE, Big B's, Curiosity, PC and other great memories. You've got a friend Love, Lauren BFF
Lori- Well, it's finally over. Thanks for always being there for me, you've been the greatest friend and I love you. Love Lauren BFF
Beth- We've grown close this year and its great. Never forget Concord days. Love always, Lauren
Hillary- Thanks for always being there, we've always been close, even through all the bad times. I love you forever, Lauren
Patrice- Well, we finally made it, we have had the best times together and I'll never forget them. I love you always, Lauren BFF
Patrice- I luv u like a sis. Never forget all the good times. I wouldn't have made it w/o you. BFF Lori
Adam- Your my inspiration. I luv u so much. Thanx for everything. luv 4-ever Lori
Beth- our own personal tour guide at the Concorde. Your the best. YOu have been a fantastic friend. I luv u. Lori
Ian - Chaka Khan Captions Crew! We faced opression and won! You should be a fireman, Batman . -David
Cunegonde- Hope you had fun seducing Candide. Those legs, that chest. You're beautiful! -The Governor's Aide.
Robin- You and C.k. are illiterate! I hate your driveway. Physics was certainly an experience. I never hated you! Love, David.
The New Yearbookites- BEST OF LUCK! Have fun, enjoy it, it's the best year you'll ever have. Relax, avoid headaches, learn to function on little sleep and you will be amazed. Smile, believe it or not you'll get through and all the work is worth it. BEST WISHES- Regina.
Ger- We've gone through so much. Brother Batts, bowling (always bowled our favorite team!), and so many other things. The hard work and all this work for this stupid book! Thanks for being a great friend. Love, Reg
David S.- How's your physics problem? Is my illiteracy evident? I love yearbook!! Thanks for caring! Love, Robs
Dear An (sis)- I'm gonna bonk you! Men are all alike! You're a great freind - love- An.
Ian, Jill, David, Allan, Ger, Mike, David and others- Blow pops, anyone? Love, Regina
Steve, Secrets are forever. So, when is our a-mazing book going to be published? Boy, those pajamas were big! Love always, Elyse aka Ella.
Ker- G.S.C. -Injin- I love French lit-cookies - Don't drop the spagetti!! Senior Class Editor- I will always be there for you! Love Robin Sue (G.S.C. Whitey)
Doc's first period class- the class of perfect attendance- You owe me! Regina
Michelle- Oh no, she dropped the eraser again! You're the best- Math was fun- love you- Andrea
Todd- What ARE you talking about? Love, Andrea
Steven F- Mr. Cairns love us! I am glad we became so close. I know we will always be. Love Robin
Stacey and Loren- Physics wouldn't have been the same. Thanks. I hate labs, double periods, tests and single periods. Regina
David- Thanks for sticking it out! Zoology wouldn't have been the same without you. Love, Geraldine.
Andrea M.- Keep up the calisthenics and twirling! Love, Elyse.
Karin, Mike, Ian, Else, etc! Death to Hufnagle! Fiscus is number one! Ehrlich's a pig. St. Elsewhere forever. Love, David.
Kyirin- Hi sweetheart! IICNY! I don't know whay I could do without you! Love always, Robs.
LRZ- Think snow.- Steven.
Regina! How was your day? Mine was fine. I hope all your days are fine. Love, David.
My Fellow Yearbookers- Despite the fights and frustrations- we did a fantastic job (What a "Labor of Love").- Karin.
Lisa- Hi moussaka! Don't ever forget Tofu Island . . . Souvlaki forever! Love your Forenza twin, Elyse.
Michael B.- It's my birthday. We get Mr. Davis's set up today! Thanks for always being there. Love, Robin.
Lisha- I'll never forget Dotty, nor D.B. in Psych. The best of luck at Vassar. Love, Geraldine.
Karen G and Michael B- SAC and NHS were not taken. - Steven.
Ans- Dizz brain! Hi. I love you! Catch the balloon! Sun roof weather! Thanks for always listening! Love, Robs.
Dear Aly-Hang on Harvey!- Who says good things don't last (8 yrs!)- I love you- Andrea.

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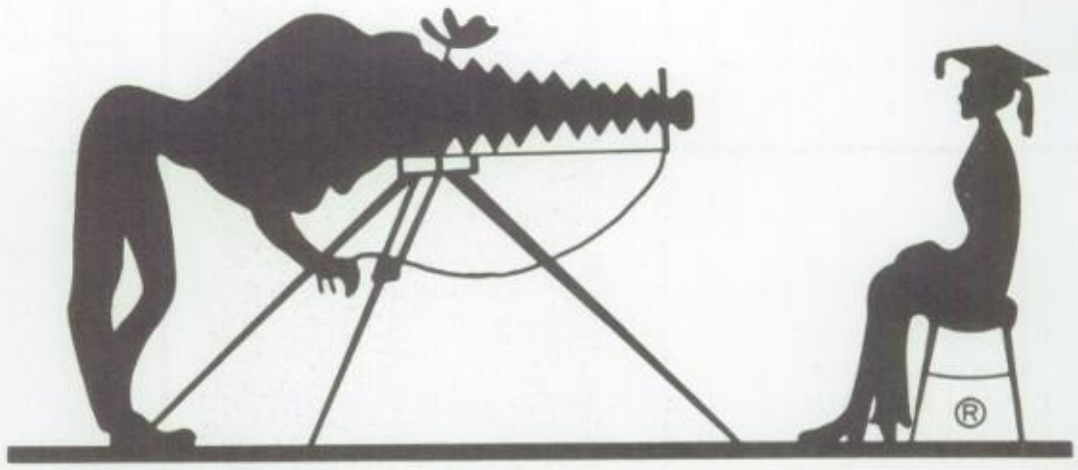

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Steven-Oh baby! So, where's the shopping?! Snickerdoodles. Dynasty, spagetti and everything . . . You're the best. Much Love Always-Lisha.
Leigh, 3 muskateers, sleepover, Walk over, Meet you Halfway Running Bases Good Luck Luv EmSher.
Kerith, So what if I can't type! I'll just white it out! Love, Mike.
Booster Editors: WE're the Pepsi generation-the big three. WE're the Chipmunks: David, Mike, and Gord (as in squash)
Dear Party Animal, Nat, Ruvain, Andy and Jen- always remember E4, crunch-n-munch, purple candles, the mantelpiece, diAngelo, the munchies. "One rap won't kill you and pass the fudge!" "A ram is no dog." "Hmmm!" "Jennifer why are you crawling?" "Or is she still under the table?" Natalie, what did YOU SAY? Ruvain, the fruit salad is for later! I love you all You're the greatest! Keep in touch! Love- Alicia.
JAY- Bonjour! Ca va? Let's just move to France, okay? Je t'aime, Kerith
Debbie, Amy, Jodi, Hillary, Barrie, Abby, Nancy- The times we shared were great- Love Always, Kevin
Nat-Meunster cheese forever! Do you have any layouts I can copy over? Sorry, I didn't mean to bump in to you. Love, Mike
Dear Reg, Are the pictures in alphabetical order? Not that sticker- the one on my other finger! Love Wobin (Batman glasses)
D&L-Expos Male whores Lying Friendship Boyfriends Sharing Claims Cereal up the nose Luv SS bfaaf Mickey luvs U TirT.
Natalie- You are great! You face pusher-tip to small-Love, Jon.
Lisa-Remember GH, RS, and Symbolism/Do you have a pass?/Who cares? Not me! Love always, Kerith.
Bernie, I'll never drive with you to Davis again! Watch out for that crate! You have to get into that lane way over there. Look out for those cars! Mike.
Bonnie, Sleeping in Business Law again? Taking notes, huh? Love, Clyde.
Karin-EEELLL TEEEMMAA!!! Mafalda & the Minotwas forever. Love, Lisha (I miss you this year!)
DAVID, ARE YOU BORED? Yes, indeed/Chaka Khan at the Prom/USSR/Fo-tos/Love your haircut/ I kid you not/T-uh T-uh. Love Kerith.
Noel & Paul & Richie & Kevin & John & Jeff- Summer of '83-B.S.F.
IAN, It's been a pleasure having you as a locker tenant this year. Pax Vobiscum (Amamus Latin!) Love, Kerituhuh
White-out Editor- Let's go to Davis! Gimme a headline, preferably within the next 2 months! (84 at the next 983). B?DFG? BFF=BARF. Mike
Souvlaki- vulgar- Honey, Tofu Island ooh!!! Forenzas, Reeboks, etc. Don't say take me except to Simon! Love ya Honey- Moussaka
Mike- From J.A. to Calculus, its been great. Remember me when you have a job opening. Love, Geraldine.
Dear El- I know an old lady who. . . Keep smilin'- possible legal And affordable? Thanks for the M and M- I still have it! You're a great friend and I love you!- An.
Robin- Can we talk? So how's ice cream sound at 2:30 in the morning? Did the Graduate graduate? Such a nice boy! Love, Elyse.
Elyse and Ian- The Strawberry Shortcake champs- Keep in touch. Love, Geraldine.
David- Have any reservations for Sheblin, Daisy? Take me to the ninth floor . . . ahh! I love your orange jacket! Alright sleasy! Love, Elyse.
Dear Regina, Thanks for being a friend- I love you! And I will always be there for you. Love, Andrea.
Lisha- Have any Spanish teachers to your house lately? You don't like *Gone With the Wind*, do you? I thought you liked *The Exorcist* The uevula? Love, Mike.
Stacey- From nursery school buddies till 12th grade. Unbelievable! Thanks for being a great neighbor.- Regina.
Robin Jacobson- How long have we been friends? Only one year? IMPOSSIBLE! Love, Karin.
Dear David- Its been great and I love ya- How's your ignominious concupescene?- Guess Who.
To Geri and Jill- I hate labs! Andrea
Tweedle Dum - Memories that will last forever - the igloo, longhouse, bunsen burner, peanut butter cookies, graveyards, and of course, the Vineyard. Keep your whiskers clean! I love you! Tweedle Dee.
Slane Dain- "Don't leave me hanging!!" Love you always, Kimby.
Lauren- We stick like glue. Never forget. "I'll be there." I luv u. BFF Lori
Good luck to College-bound Lisa From the magnificent seven—Sammy, Dolly, Jodi, Evan, Ally, Mom and Dad
Geraldine- What a lush!! You make a damn good screwdriver. Remember Jimmy? You're the best—Karin
Kreiger- Together we could handle anything looks like we made it. I luv your guts. Lisa BFF
Risa- Thanks for everything. I don't know what I would have done without you through all the years. Lisa BFF
Mollface—What a W-P! What more can I say? Love, the first Spanish-Italian Jew.

To Barry M. Weinberger

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Brian-Always think of the Lincoln Center trip, and the time that we spent together. I LOVE YOU. -Debbie
"To the *Dynamic Three*- through all the wild times, we'll always be there! -Kenny, Zack, and Howie."
Dear Beth- I Looooooooooo oooooooooo oooooooooo oooooooooo oooooooooove you! -Kenny
Jellybean . . . I love you . . . ewig . . . silly dumpling
An and Ger-tongue numbness and other locker room stuff (splat hair on the face) Love you Guys-Lisha
Beth- my bestest friend ever/I could like it/Your the best/I luv 4 ever/As! Mana Coco Rocks-mooski
Jilly- May our friendship last forever-You're the greatest-I love you! -Emily
Stacey- May the good times last forever and the reminiscing never end-I love you, Emily
Audge- Through all the years and all the miles, we'll always be bestest buddies! Love always, Loren
Emily- Friends now, friends always!! I LOVE YOU!! Love always, Jill
Eileen- Keep studying (and smiling) -even if you think you know all there is to know! (heh-heh) luv, Amy
Sheryle, tickle me! Shotgun! Ba Ha! Remember S.P., M.K.? Love Em BFF.
Hippo- Always remember Requa Lake, I'm built, Sand fights and Baskin Robbins, etc. Love ya always, Rona.
Debbie- Remember the good times- The Boardwalk- A.C. 84. Thanks for Ira! BFF I love you- Amy.
Lisa, So wheres my lada? Im gonna make his Irish eyes smile! Let's go to Sonnys. Clam city! Deb.
Blair- Always remember tennis, titans, Bell, Track and Field, Field, McDonalds, 104 never! Love always, Rona.
Amy, Hey AJ! Atlantic City "84". Through the good and bad ill always love ya, Debbie.
Bernie- The book is great. Good luck- Jon.
Jennie- We have gone thru so much together. And it has all been great (Canada, Conord). I luv ya! Beth.
Lori- Just remember all the great times we had. Florida was the best! and your the best! Love, Beth.
Lauren- I luv u alot! your such a cutie! dont forget all the great times we had! luv ya, Beth.
Tracey- Bestest friends! Forever! I luv ya so much! We make a great pair! Love ya, Beth.
Suzanne- Is the refrigerator we'll stocked? The crab and the frog! Fork you wrists! Luv Frann
Larry- Hey, my man. -Gord
Uganda Wombat: BFF, you silly putty. Luv, you're cookiepuss
Millicent- you are my only and dearest friend. -Zbignew
Bernie- when you're in an airport watch the cars, not the signs! And if you tire of something just discard it! Love Kerith
Michael- Josten's! Headlines! Boosters! -Gord.
Ger- Nashawena, Pooak, Mad Martha's, doughnuts, Icecream, BEACH, 4:00 AM, sunrise, what did you eat today? Cosmic wimp-out (?!?!) too much to say. Most of all, I love you. Stacey.
Dearest Natasha: Drain the pizza, I'd hate to be in jail, kill the little girl, it's cold, I want a flame thrower, Tip too small! Love, Bernie
Zack (Z-RY)- Times change, but memories last forever. ZZZZZ . . . (I need a snooze) Em's house. Who's awesome? Get a real vocab. Swim much? Can you bear my questions? IALY- Lee (kelly) (L-RY).
I still think Molly Ringwald is gorgeous!-Anonymous.
Andrea and Jill- No, I won't do your labs in college. Wasn't Physics great? Love, The Scientist and only one who can raise one eyebrow.
Dearest Reginald- We've finally done it. From Toftrees to Syracuse and back to the yearbook office- Holley Dr. of course. We've survived all the revolutions, the sombrero hours, Golf, and even the dreaded caption room. It was worth it. Keep smiling. Love Bernie
KERITH- R.S., Sybolism, What are you doing Friday? Be quiet you delinquent! You'll always mean a lot to me. I love you, Lisa
YOGI BEAR- My heart's divided/Boo Boo Boo/Who's bigger?/Your basement/I LOVE YOU, BROKEN HII!
Hill- Never forget me, my heart will never forget you- I love you- Kevin
Lisa- Thanks for everything- being a great friend- always being there- and keeping me informed- Thanks! Alexis
To the Sweet 8, No matter how far apart we are the memories we've shared will last forever- LandD
Robin, let's look at the lions! No Cool Whip? Perish the thought. Cordiality, Ice Castles, Friends Forever, Whity and Injun, G.S.C.!!
Dear Geraldine- Oh come on, be an editor! Wasn't it worth it? OK, we all make mistakes. Well, you've done an amazing job. Thanks for all the kind words- you're the best! Good luck always. Love, Bernie!
EM- Guys, Meat, It's protein, SP, Tickle me/ KER- Up against the wall, Sweater Man, Expo never again, Jimmie's pepperoni/ Love SS/ BFAAF
Laura- This college, that college, wherever we'll be, you'll always be the bestest friend to me- Wendy
Jackie, a friend lasts forever as long as she's a best friend, and you are. Love DandL

To: Kevin Waltzer

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Rob- batwoman glasses, girl scouts, Brother Barts, robinregina, alphabetizing (it's wrong, argh!)- Thanks for all the fun. You are a great friend. Love ya, Regina.
Ian- Don't stand in front of my locker! I am really glad we are so close. Love, Robin.
Bethany- Let's be seniors together in Latin- Andrea.
Dear Ka- You're the best- I love you always- thanks for being there!- SPLASH!- An.
Bern- you did it George Gelf, but the BD touch made it amazing! Luv Nat.
Gina, Ger, to my favorite editors! Never forget Toftrees, Syracuse and all the laughter. Love, Nat
To everyone- You are all very special people, my friends. I love you all, Andy.
Dresdales- It's been a fun 6 years. (Remember RC's class together) Best of luck. Love, Steven
Bern, Ger- We Did it!! THANKS. Reg
Elyse abd Suzanne- Cheesecake anyone? Oh no! Andrea
Lisha- Your lunchtime shtories kept me laughing all year- David
FRANN- I want Joe back!! Is it an ible or able? Love Ya, Lisa. P.S. Flash . . . Cu, Cu!
Mombo- The Mombomobile and the fun will live on- Jon.
David- You're a great actor and a great friend- Good Luck- Jon.
Dear Kim- "Whhatrrr!!" "Her name is Rio . . just like her mama did when she won a thousand." Love Ya Lisa.
Bloomie- I will never forget the great times we've had. I love you, Jon.
Dear Wooby- Don't ever forget "Fhunnie Jack in the Box" and "Show us what to do". Let's play Trivial Pursuit.
Love Ya Always, Lisa. P.S. TANT TU FOR EVERYTHING!
Maj- I've loved these Days! You make me oh so very happy! I will always love you, Jon.
OHWGETHANX- What can I say fit to print and makes sense? Watch out for kitty litter boxes and moving bars.
What color is your dog? Can't think of the words-you know what I mean- HIEYEGYE.
IHB-XOXO- I love you-XOXO-You're my inspiration- Love and hugs and kisses 4 ever!! HB
Andrea- Thanks for being friends. Remember locker teacher. Youre outrageous, fantastic. Alexis.
IP- So when R we playing tennis? U R terrific and I luv U!- MK.
Karin, You can look at any part of the menu you want to. Carl says to say hi to the hooker. Be careful when you open my car door! Our sections are #1!! Love, Mike.
WW It's been great painting the town red and running with the night . . . SUP
Yearbookites- Be proud, we've done a great job! Thanks for all the help! We've done good despite moods, screaming (lots, sorry), tension and headaches. Thanks for everything! It was fun and I hope you have as many good memories as I do. I love you all (even the caption crew). Best of luck! Regina (the quiet E-in-C).
Syracuse- What a nice bus!-A.D.- I feel for you-travelling sweet sixteen- the view!- THE TIGER??!- fork the fat woman- Chaka Khan- '84 finally isolated- let's rock!- Dana in technicolor- into dry cleaning, Bernie?- how many bottles can you fit in an elevator?- was the hotel really circular?- Jon's perm!- dead wolf- George's first hamburger-40 teenagers hiking home, how nice. Mom and Dad, it was very educational!
Wolfwood- NO GO, JOE! Were you behind the times? The following . . . Well, Miss pulitzer Prize winner, we made it through! Together. Love, Steven.
Dave- How was your day?-Reg
Frann- Quiche me once and Quiche me 2x and Quiche me once again! -courageous cat- love always, Andrea.
G- What about Catholic girls?- A.
Lisa- Who's the Ace?- Me (love you!)
Robin . . . . You light up my life. Beeeeeep, Beeeeep, Beeeeeep, Beeeeeep, Yeah! Robert
Proofs- A Tribute:- bold italic print- Don't worry, it will fit, they'll MAKE it fit- Reduced copy? Where?- PE, always- Can you imagine if we didn't get second proofs?- the whole senior class is wrong!- Don't spill the teal- that's okay, our pages don't need to be numbered anyway- the sludge factory- 3 days?- we'll just hold this one back- I want to sit in the middle- flush left? flush right? Center it!- hang the dog by its teeth with a bone- don't worry, HE'LL never see it! Bernie and Regina, its been great. Love, Geraldine.
To chipmunk- You're my bestest friend! Love, Miss Insecurity Ganz.
Ian- Hello my friend, would you care for jellybeans? Shall we play tennis or tackle football? I, too, like fireplaces in the winter! ITYGITWW! love always, Elyse.
Rubinfeld! When are we going to see Jello wrestling? Steven.
Nats- Hi! Are you too busy to do the "French"? Thanks for being such a close friend. Love, Robin.
Karin- Are we carpoolyendoing? How can we be friends with different tastes? Well, we are friends.- David.
Eileen- You'll always be a special friend to me. Love, Geraldine.
Debbie, Lisa, Sheryle, Emily- The word of the year is "selfish"! But aren't we all? Even though we won't all be together next year, the memories will last, and I know we'll always be best friends. I love you! Kerith.

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Always remember Toftrees-RC. BB. GM. SW. NC. SN. DS
Marla- Did Steven call yet? I want Lewis to call! Billy Joel helped your vocabulary! We survived Stan! I love you- Robin J.
Elyse, I want one grape jellybean! You still haven't made peanut brittle. The love pit?! Do you like houses? A shaving cream fight? I'm not ticklish! Forget your dance teacher- you're not fat! Love, Peanut butter cup. To the Italian Club and Don- It's been a great 3 years- Andrea
Andrea Fluck- Our talk at the mall and so many others! Thanks for always being there. I love you! Regina
Steven- Thanks for all the rides home- love Andrea
Andrea M.- I want a picture! Our business will make us rich, but you'll have to fight with Frank for New York. I get San Diego! Love, Mike
ANDREA- Well Frac, dizzy, applefritters, Baskin robbins eyes, Mother-look at that-I Tumbleweed, hiccups, bulls, teachers, knishes, C and T, hookrugs, you can put a chair in it! On the floor! Both ways-Eileen, eggsalad, Fric. Mona K.- What a nice smile! Wanna go to S.V. and do the sunbed? See ya next year! Friends 4 ever-S.P.
Kevin- Mothers Day, 1980, is unforgettable- so are all the other memories. I'll never stop caring-Hillary.
Ted and John, This year's been great. Good luck always. Love Diana
Joe (Alexis)- did you ever think about those poor telephone poles, always remember the insomnia cure, and your ditzy friend, your a great friend-Lisa
Rona and Andrea- (George's 2 other great students), How's tubs doing? Think we'll do anything in English today, English wouldn't have been same without you guys-Lisa
Joe- How ya' doing! Always make great graphs and be sure your fannyrings are in place. You're great-Judd
C.S.- We luv JT and U. Come visit us next year if the vette can make it. We'll miss u! You're the greatest-S and M
AMYIvyelleen- glad we're friends need to study? talk? cry? FROZFRUITSTREO concerts forever-amyIvy EILEEN
Frann- What's up Loretta, How's jungleman, no I don't know what color his room is, how's the lunch lady? You're a great friend. Love ya-Lisa.
Platz- Please can I borrow your pants? Maybe I won't miss u cuz we'll be 2-gether. Luv u so much. Mona.
Dear Mr. Scarpulla, Mr. Carney, Mom, Dad, Joe, I want to tell you all how important you are to me. All your support helped me achieve my goals on and off the baseball diamond. I love you all very much and Mr. Carney, Florida will never be the same. Love Ricky
Lisie- Can I have your atuograph? Seriously, I don't know what I'd do without you. You're the best. Love, S.F.
Bern- It is all over, no more headaches, no more yearbook. The time we shared putting it together made Senior year unforgettable. The sombrero is mine! You can have the dog! We have become so close and haven't killed each other yet. Have fun in Haverford! Love ya, Reg
Lauren- From flowers to V.O., these beautiful memories mean nothing without your smiling face. We Love you!- Love, Tammy & Anne.
Stacey- Who sent the flower? I dunno!- Andrea
Dear Leere, The movies Love at First Sight, Oct. 22? How about some Chock milk, late night at Em's, let's take a ride up the mountain. Your a hummm!! I be there always. love always and forever Zack.
Steven- 4 summers we survived of some of the weirdest, strangest people- will it be fire? David
To my best bo-bo, Stacy, I must say, I don't Know what I would do without you! I love you! From, your best bo-bo Jeanine, World's Greatest Skier.
The Arimaspian Staff- Wasn't it worth it? Thanks for everything. I love you all. Geraldine
Dear Wendy, Congratulations! We made it! But . . . "WHAT AM I GONNA DO" R.L. (from J's locker says hello. Love ya always- your BFF- Laura
Stacey- baby-You enzyme! Mooovvvell (facial huh) with much love from the schloss-the Princess von Drucki
DARRELL RAG- My only chasberry risby/I luv u always/your the greatest/-martha porkcie
Laur, special memories "through the years" together-Best friends forever and always. I love you, Em
Robs- Remember Pinsly, Witchy, Clowny, Grape, Cherry, Horsey, Bill, Jill, and the ones I've forgotten! Twins w/o fins! Luv, Alms
Lori- never forget flying on notebooks and chicken cutlets/Florida in Holiday Springs/Concord-Tracey
Sleecy louice- Are you in love with Luther? Good Sam and Ghost. Thanx for being my personal shutterbug- love, Dave
Andrea- Hey! You wanna piece of chicken? opportunist! The crab! Glad we're best freinds. Luv Frann
Kyle- Remember the marshmallows. Tryeu? (9) Stay gold. Gord P.S. X.X.
Patrice- your so stupid/5/dollars/a/minuate/ garden/gourmet/singing on Rosh Hashonah/ Noel- T
Lisa- I'm glad we're friends. Next time you eat a roll make sure there's no pretzel in it. Luv Frann
Gordon- Zbignew!!! Via Fettucini was massive and raunchy llp = k (hal). Mildew lives bff4evawertyu xxxxxxxx-D.

Dear Jill,
We Are Very
Proud Of You.

Love,
MOM, DAD, DIANE

To Our Daughter,
Sister, and Auntie
Geraldine

Congratulations And
Good Luck In The
Future

Love, MOM, DAD,
PATRICK, HELEN, TOM
AND CAROLYN

Dear Tammy

We Couldn't Be Prouder Of You. You're A Very Special Person. You've Accomplished Much Already And We Wish you Success And Happiness In All Your Future Endeavors.

Love
MOM, DAD, DANIELLE
AND TIGGER

To The Entire
Yearbook Staff-

First of all, Im ready to free the serfs, the cattle may be fed, but the crown is still mine. Through all the good and bad, you've made my senior year a fantastic one. I hope that the 1985 Arimaspian will always hold special memories for you. You have a lot to be proud of!

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Love, MOM AND DAD

Dear Howard,

Your Attributes And Skills Are Many And Your Grasp Of Life Is Just Beginning. Move Each Step Of The Way With Great Care For Decency And Strength Of Character. The Future With All Fields Of Endeavors Is Very Bright And The Wonderful Awards Are There For The Taking

Love, MOM AND DAD

Dear Robin, Baby, Baby are you okay? Footloose- Finally1 dizz brain- you're the best- I love you- An. Karin, Michael, Robin, Kerith, Ian, David S.- yearbook had its good and bad, but the best was bringing us closer. Love Nat.

Mt. Sniff-Sniff- Andy, Ruvain, Jen, Alicia- the morning snot- our company- no quarters- Merv- Hmmm- Talking Heads- Rainbows and leopard skin- Vermont or bust- 48 dozen bagels- West Dover or Ben Dover? 3 floors! 3 screams!- the fruit salad's for later, Ruv- party animal!- how much spaghetti is left?- one more rap won't kill you and pass the fudge- Jennifer, why are you crawling?- Bernie you can't start a fire that way- who gets the last shower?- Say bye to Sylvia.

Gerry (Take "2")- I'll never have another race with you again (Remember Syracuse?) Need a ride home from JA? I like going over HER lawn! Love, Mike-

Nat- Don't Touch My Crown! What a classic. Layout SHOULD fit captions. I love you- David

Mark, so how's the "Australian Yodeler?" I think we got an "A" on our "much" paper! Love, Elyse

Amy P.- Didja get that set up? We love electricity labs! Be happy. -Karin

ADORABLE GANZ TWINS- Ever go to Expo's? Hunger, Besoin de Fleisch, Slug, Bellevue, Bad influences, We love to work! THTHTH! LOVE Kerri, BFF

Greg- I really wanted to get this. You're a good friend. Love, Jon

Dear Deb- We made it. You're the best, best friend. I love ya, forever- Jackie

To someone special- I'll always consider my addiction. I can't break I'll always want more.

Dearest Scott, say hi to Herman and the friends- I love you silly forever. Your sweetie.

Dear Greg X, It's been great. Don't forget the marshmallows, and the BVD in the RGL. Love ya, Mutley.

Andy, (blue eyes), you have my heart forever! Elephant Shoes. Kathy (Legs) P.S. you keep me in the pink.

Hey Joe- howyadoin'? It's been an experience knowing you . . . what an American! Stay as you are forever . . . my friend-Joe

D.D. Every happy thought that we share/is like a bright new smile/that touches someone's lonely heart and makes their life worthwhile. And every happy little deed/that makes your love shines/is just another simple way to make you happy too! Forever and always, H.A.

Dear Nat, Are you really an incompetant moron with brain damage? Hmmm! By the way, who won-you or the cropper? Thanks for all the support and hard work. Love Bernie.

Debbie- Because we're the Adorable Ganz Twins/I like theil fish/Bucker, Sucker, and I LOVE YOU!!!

Kerri, Mrs. Sweater Man, Expo Woman, DL's been short To you my friend-Ich liebe dich! Love Em BFF.

Robin- I can't believe what's happened to us- we've been through so much and it should'nt end like this. Rona.

Lisa-Remember the good times-A.C. 84, Spring Break 84, the Rangers Forever! BFF-I love you-Amy.

Bubbula-Then, now, and forever. Together. You're the greatest! I love you lots! Always Twerpie.

Stephen-Best wishes to the best V-Buddy-Love your sister, Andrea.

Patrice-Great super laxative friends forever! (Remember) I love you and we always have a great time when we're together! Love, Beth.

Evan-From one best friend to another: you are the greatest! Be bill albays be frebends. Love, Jon.

Broken H Mrs. F Jeep alert S Hill gang Geegee Shower Tor D Meat Expos C queen Teach U G Luck BFAAF Luv Yogi Bear AyBoBoBo.

David Shevlin- How could I have made it without you?- Katingaloo

Andrea D., The answer is six. How was your semester? Vive la France! Is your dad still playing golf instead of working? Love, Mike.

AM & ES- Good friends laugh at your worst jokes, put up with your worst moods, go along with your worst ideas and always see the best in you. Thanks! RCC

Steven- I bet you wish we all could be California girls. Love, Geraldine

Ger- I Hate Sharks! Phys and Zoology were survivable with you. Don't worry, we can't all do well in math- Love, David

AMYIvyeileen- Wanna talk? Complain? Study? What am I gonna do? FROZEFRUITS forever! How's REO? amyIvyEILEEN

SuZanne, How much for the sweater? Where's part two of the bikini? Grace Kelly doesn't stand a chance! BBFF! Love, Elyse

Lisha Dwuka- Thish ish a teshtament of a shertain 8th period lasht year. What a class! - Karin

Deb- Karen- Score is still Ganz (28) Karen (1) - Steven

It's my crown. I'm not ready to free the serfs- Feed the cattle.

Dear yearbook staff- It has been a lot of fun over all! I love you all! Thanks for being there for me. Love, Robin.

David, Eddie Murphy wasn't that funny-you were. Mrs. K. smells like cancer. I don't want to go to physics anymore. Make any pacts lately? You never went to Israel! Turn, turn, turn, turn, aahhhh! Crash! Mike

To The Corless Family

We would like to thank you for your generous support through all of our deadlines. We hope that your house will someday recover. We couldn't have done it without you.

Love,

THE YEARBOOK STAFF

Michael Bockelman- Being a personal chauffer is a thankless job-but someones gotta do it. (Thanks). - Karin
M.T. - Vodka and O.J. always!- Love, G.M.
Slice -#5 will grow old single - Steven
To all my friends - Here's to the experiences we have shared and enjoyed and to the memories. I truly wish to know you all for the rest of my life.- Love, Allan L. Title.
Robert K.- Hypothetical situation . . . If two people were hooked up to magnets . . . keep up the lunar space mission! Love, Elyse.
Kev-You mean the world to me-Debbie.
Anthony-What's doin'? Nothing? Me too! Dad said 'hi!' Can you imagine, OOOh, it's just so ridiculi! Parole? Solitary confinement? Probably, but you're worth it! -Monique.
Michael-You're "Frosty" since the funnel cake at Paramus Park! The next time I'll knock. Love, Lisha.
Dear Andy-Good luck always. I love you and I will really miss you! Love Alicia.
Lisa-Just a little/Where are you going Friday night?/ Your numbers are getting up there/ I LOVE YOU!!!!!
To Everyone On Yearbook- Will the real Uganda Wombat please stand up? It's been fun (at times!). Good luck to everyone, always. Love, Kerith
Dear G.S.C.-?/ I luv ya becuz your so so so sweet and amazing/"; dontcha eva change . . . Best Friends 4-eva and Stay 2-getha I LUV U!!!!!! G.S.C.
No, MICHAEL, you can't spell my name that way, and YES I want slashes. Love, Kerith
Deb- Us, together forever CAUSEHELP! "Come here little boy RC-CK" What happened? I LOVE YOU. Lisa
Kevin and Jodi, BFF, Memories that last.
Ger- Physics would have been unbearable w/o you- geri-bean! You're the greatest-I love you always-Andrea
R.J.- Like I said, "Stop putting people down!" I still like you anyway. Love, S.F.
Steven Frank- What more can I say? I love you. Karin
Ian, Y.T.M.A.G.I.T. W.W.B.G.A.F. When can I come to your house? No more Schaum's problems! Are you emotionaly attached to the snow and icicles on your car? Mike
Andy, David, & Rick- Thanks for a conversation I'll never forget (A&D- lust?). Regina
Andrea- Dotty the stewardess, the regular Tues. and Thurs. gym absenses, static electricity, and our stand-up comedian have been a lot of fun. Oh, and how could I forget, P.S. In Syracuse. Remember, it's always better in the Bahamas! Love, Geraldine.
Hey Solar! (Elyse S.) Thanks for your smile when I needed it. -Karin.
Lisa D- I can't cut my bagel!! Who will take me to the prom? Let's chat. Love, Robs.
Bern-Reg-Geraldine- Thank you all for your understanding and guidance. -Steven.
Phelps Q- We love you! Thanks for everything- you are a beautiful friend! Love, Tammy and Lauren.
Mike- When did you want peanut brittle, Mr. Peanut Butter Cup? Love always, Elyse, a.k.a. Ella.
Alexis, Thank you for coming to my rescue. Did you fix the dent in the caddy? oops- your fellow editor.
Regina and Bernie- We've been friends for all of our 13 years in school. But this year had to be our biggest accomplishment of all. I just want to thank you both for trying to make me a part of something I never really was. I hope we'll make it for another 13 or more. Love, Geraldine.
To the Chaka Khan Memorial captions crew! Though we were hated, we stuck together and did an amazing job. Thanks for making yrbk great. Love, David.
Karin- No more leotards or tights. See you at the next Yankee game. Pags and Dayett Love, Elyse.
Dear Lee, I love you, alright?! Love Jackie LRZ-n-JHB
WendEEE- Hello- Goodbye- /McKay . . . how many?/ Mmmm-mmm/Uh-Oh, Uh-Oh, Uh-Oh, /Animal . . . see/Challenge/ I LOVE YOU!!!!
Nat, Allan, Jill, Evan, Jon, David, Andy, Greg, Dena, David K., Loren, Ruvain, Ricky, and Brian: Thanks for always being there. You're an amazing group of friends. -Bernie
To Kerri, Cleo, Hi Th . . . wink, What's a summer without- Fleisch, Bellevue, Leverkasen? Love the Adorables-/Best Friends
Mrs. Body Works and Mrs. Expos, Collage Women, Button that shirt, you'll get a chest cold! Fleisch! Love Em BFF
SHERYLE, will you tickle my arm? You look great as a banana! Adyg! Ladygove Yadygou! Love Kerith BFF
Amy- Don't you think your friends are talking! Spring Break '84! I wouldn't have made it without you. I'll always love you! Lisa
Nadine- We have been through a lot and I love you- Love, Jon
Hi Emily M.! I will always remember your "white painter pants"! I love you very much. Stacey D.
Eileen (Fric)- We've been through a lot together. Remember ice cream in your eye! BFF Andrea (Frac)
Dear Bern, I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE! I am glad we have stayed such good friends Love always, "Grupert"
Hello Em, this is You're a Regular/ Fleisch? Wo?/Is it serious? Best holiday? VD/Change your tone/TYMF, ILDI/Love Kerith BFF

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Love,

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To Our Dearest Daughter

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What A Bright And Lovely Young Lady You Are! We Are Bursting With Love And Pride. May Your Future Be Blessed With Happiness And Success And Your Radiance Always Shine So Bright. All Our Love,

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To David Shevlin

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To Rachel Rein

Our Love And Best
Of Luck Always

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& "BAGEL"

Dear Hal:
Who's Going
To Tie Your Tie
At College?

Good Luck
MOM, DAD &
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Dearest Rona,

Congratulations On
Your Graduation!

May Your Life
Always Be Filled
With Good Health
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It took a great deal of hard work, dedication, and concentrated effort on the part of many special people to create the 1985 Arimaspian. We truly appreciate every contribution that was made. Among those who supported us to the fullest extent were all of the parents who tolerated hectic deadline schedules and all-night sessions. They have our gratitude, especially the Corlesses who continually opened their home to us. For endless patience and support we are indebted to the school secretaries and the administration of Mr. Lane, Mrs. Fowlkes, and Mr. Snider. Also deserving of thanks is the Ramapo custodial staff, led by Bud Conjura. A special thanks also goes to Mrs. Gloria Miele. We thank Mr. George Davis and Davis Studios for film and devoted service, and Steven Newman for his dedicated clicking. We are grateful to Karen O'Neil and Anne Holmes of Josten's Publishing Company for their endless help, and finally, to Mr. George E. Longobardi for his outstanding leadership.

We hope that within these pages you will find the photographs and words to help recapture the spirit of this year.

This book is your only permanent record of a memorable year.

Don't forget to use it again:

- to remember a face
- to recall a place
- to relive a game
- to remember a name.

Enjoy the memories. Their value will increase with the passing years.

The Arimaspian Staff

Congratulations and Best Wishes
to the Class of 1985

I wish you every success and happiness life can bring. You are a marvelous reflection of the Ramapo educational program. I am extremely proud of you.

Congratulations to the staff of the 1985 ARIMASPIAN for producing an outstanding yearbook.

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And
Best Wishes
To The
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Terrible Thing To Waste" And You
Must All Seek To Become
All That You Are Capable
Of Being.

Sincerely,

MRS. KAREN E. FOWLKES

Assistant Principal

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Another Gandhi Leaves Us

INDIA: Oct. 1, 1984—The beginning of November 1984 was a period of mourning throughout the world. Indira Gandhi, India's beloved prime minister for four terms, was brutally assassinated by two of her countrymen. At 66, Indira Gandhi was in fine health and was ready to seek her fifth term. As she was walking to an interview, two of her guards, known as Sikhs, brutally shot her to death. These gunshots were heard around the world.

Indira Gandhi was a victim. Her country's turbulent politics drove her to her death. The Sikhs, who only represent two percent of the population in India, killed this prime minister who was loved by the world. Grief struck many of the world's political leaders. President Reagan expressed his "shock, revulsion and grief over the brutal assassination." British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher declared "India has been robbed of a leader of incomparable courage, vision and humanity." Pope John Paul II said her death brought about, "universal horror and dismay." Constantin Chernenko, General Secretary in Russia, said Indira Gandhi was a "fiery fighter for peace." Though she strove to keep her country at peace, the week following her death brought about a death toll of more than one thousand.

Worry entered the minds of many throughout India. Could Indira's inexperienced son Rajiv Ghandi hold the populous country together? Many feel that Rajiv will be able to hold the country together if he can avoid undue bloodshed during the next year. Meanwhile, Rajiv is negotiating peace within sections of India, and trying to negotiate with other countries, especially Pakistan.

Indira Ghandi lived for her country, and died for it. On the morning of her death, Indira Ghandi folded her hands and said, "Namaste," meaning "greetings to you." Unfortunately to the world, it was not Indira's greetings, but the fare-

Looking for unity. Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi strives to heal his people's wounds.

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Aid For Ethiopia

ETHIOPIA: Nov. 26, 1984- Problems of hunger have been going on in Ethiopia for over a year. Recently, the feeling of apathy towards this third world country has diminished. This turn of events was due to television footage of starvation. When everyone saw the emaciated bodies of the Ethiopians, aid from around the world began to pour in. People began to wonder if it takes a television film to trigger a flood of assistance.

In Ethiopia alone, the death toll of 1984 is approximately nine hundred thousand. Nobody seemed to notice the problems of Ethiopia's drought and unfavorable harvest until many bodies had already been buried. UNICEF'S representative, Addis Ababa stated that, "We have been asking for help since early 1983. It seems you have to have thousands of corpses before people will sit up and take notice."

Hunger. A starving Ethiopian child weeps and prays.

Although a little late, the world did awaken to the needs of this country. The United States and U.S.S.R. contributed huge sums to Ethiopia. Private citizens from all over contributed to this fund. Famine in Ethiopia also drove many famous performing artists to contribute money. A group called Band-aid formed and later created the song, "Do they Know It's Christmas?" for the Ethiopian cause. This sudden surge of aid was due to the coverage of an NBC crew.

House Speaker Tip O'Neill commented on the famine in Ethiopa. He said, "Something is very, very wrong. We turn on the news and we see African children starving to death, and we get no explanation whatever of why we Americans are allowing this to happen." Now the aid is beginning to take effect. According to a UN senior official in Rome the aid is helpful but it must be constant.

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Summer Olympics Huge Success

Russians Boycott

LOS ANGELES: Aug. 27, 1984- The Summer Olympics of 1984 did not turn out the way most critics felt it would. Instead of being a disaster, it turned out to be a tremendous success. This was greatly due to the work of Olympic organizer Peter Ueberroth. Faced with the dilemma of the Soviet boycott along with other Communist countries, the value of the Los Angeles was greatly questioned.

Thanks to the great work of Ueberroth, over 2.5 billion people watched the Olympic games, not to mention the sell-out crowds in the Coliseum each and every day. The games ended with an unbelievable surplus of over 215 million dollars.

The competition was less intense without the Soviets, but it was a much more pleasant atmosphere. The Americans dominated the competition, producing more medals than most of the other countries combined. The games produced a great number of individual heroes as well as the accomplishments gained in the team events.

Who could forget the efforts of individuals like track stars Carl Lewis and Edwin Moses. Lewis won four gold medals and continued his streak of 102 consecutive wins in the 400 meter hurdle race. There were boxers like Mark Breland gathering Olympic medals. The gymnasts, led by 16 year old Mary Lou Retton, were superb. Retton achieved a perfect "10" in one event on her way to the gold medal. The divers, led by Greg Louganis, were also great.

The atheletes mentioned were just a few of the many heroes of the summer games. Every member of the United States Olympic team made the summer of 1984 a memorable one for the United States.

Russia - U.S. 1984

WASHINGTON D.C.: Oct. 22, 1984- The arrival of Soviet Foreign Minister and First Deputy Premier Andrei Gromyko was a major break-through for peace with the United States and Russia. This meeting, held in mid-October of 1984, was the sole meeting that the United States and Russia had in arms talks in almost four yeas. Although there was no definite accomplishment from this meeting, the feeling of this meeting was that many more negotiations would be on the way.
respect that the United States has for Russia. Reagan also stated that the United States will not interfere with the superpowers of Russia and all its social systems. Reagan merely wanted to resume arms control talks that had not taken place for over a year.

Both Reagan and Gromyko refused to compromise their positions. They both understood what the other wanted. The meetings between these leaders were agressive, but always polite. Reagan and Gromyko talked about arms control, but Gromyko wouldn't make any decisions without Andropov, with whom Reagan never had negotiations with.

Reagan stated that, "America has repaired its strength; we have invigorated our alliances. We are ready for constructive negotiations with the Soviet Union." The responses of Russia didn't have the flexibility that the United States had hoped for.

Although the meeting between Gromyko and President Reagan did not produce any peace treaty, it accomplished a great deal. The significant factor of the meeting was that it broke the frozen silence that the United States and Russia were in. These negotiations will most likely pave the pathway to many more.

Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister comes to discuss peace.

Sharon Vs. Time

ISRAEL: Jan. 7, 1984- Who won the case? Ariel Sharon or *Time* magazine? In February 1983, an Israeli commission found that Ariel Sharon and other Israeli officials were indirectly responsible for the massacre of Palestinian refugees in Beirut. The Israeli commission accused Sharon of allowing, if not sending Christian Phalangists into the refugee camps. The Israeli commission called for Sharon to resign as Defense Minister of Israel.

Time was not satisfied with that mere accusation. One extremely controversial paragraph of the cover story had the portentous words, "*Time* has learned." It said that *Time* had learned of a meeting that took place between Sharon and the family of the assassinated Phalangist leader, Bashir Gemayel. General Sharon, it said, "discussed . . . . . the need for the Phalangists to take revenge." The next day, the massacre commenced.

General Sharon sued for libel (defamation of character) for $50 million. He claimed the paragraph charged him with maliciously encouraging the massacre. *Time* denied that the paragraph meant any such thing. *Time's* lawyers claimed that the paragraph was "Merely one more bit of evidence supporting the finding of the commission that Sharon should have realized the danger of acts of revenge."

Throughout the trial *Time* claimed that they could not reveal their true sources. They remained anonymous. The chief lawyer for *Time*, Thomas D. Barr, said "The jury would not have been out 10 minutes if the sources had testified."

The jury handed down three separate verdicts throughout a recourse of about one week. First, the jury found *Time* guilty for the paragraph which had false accusations. Sharon had not conspired with the Gemayel to slaughter Palestinians. Second, *Time* was found guilty of defamation of character.

But third, *Time* was found not guilty, for the reporter had not maliciously slandered Sharon. It was simply dumb and careless writing on behalf of the reporter.

General Ariel Sharon stepped down as Defense Minister of Israel after the verdict was given out. Time still holds that the story was "substantially true."

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A Unique Election: 1984

WASHINGTON D.C.: November 12, 1984- The election of 1984 aside from being a landslide, was the first of its kind. Geraldine Ferraro was the first female vice-presidential candidate. Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale went out on a limb taking a female running mate for the election. He found that his chances of winning the election were slim. He chose a female because he believed that a female running mate would increase his chances of winning. He also knew that this would cause great controversy among the voters. This was a big chance Mondale took and he hoped it would pay off.

The results of the election proved that the majority of the public was for Reagan. Although he did not please all of the people, he did please the majority.

The debates showed the good and bad sides of each candidate. Reagan gave everyone a scare in the first debate, seeming tentative and unsure of himself but bounced back in the next debate, showing self-assurance and better preparation for the debates. Reagan became the first two term president since Dwight Eisenhower. Reagan won in the Electoral College by one of the biggest margins ever. Mondale only won Minnesota, his home town and the District of Columbia, a traditionally democratic state. This big win backed up Reagan's quote "You don't just score victories - - - you whomp' em."

Ferraro. "If there was one thing my campaign stood for this fall, it was equal opportunity."

Mondale's plan of gaining a victory with a female candidate seemed to backfire on him. Ferraro was crucified by the press, they knocked her credentials and ability to hold such an office. Through the debates she did gain a great deal of respect for herself as a women candidate. She often outwitted Republican vice-presidential George Bush and the panel of journalists asking the questions. Ferraro quotes "the myth that a woman couldn't be up to the stress of a national campaign was exploded. No woman will ever again be tested on so many fronts.

Obviously this year was not the year for Walter Mondale and one has to doubt the chance will rise again. He showed great promise with his primary defeats of Gary Hart and Jesse Jackson along with 4 years of experience as vice president under his belt. He took a straight forward approach to the election quoting "we're dealing with real problems and we want real answers. This is not Hollywood."

Mondale's downfall was certainly expected when he proposed a tax increase which the public did not want to hear thus denouncing him greatly.

Although Reagan cannot run again and Mondale claims he will not run again, Geraldine Ferraro will be heard from again. This election will be remembered for a long time to come.

Medical History Is Made Twice Over

U.S.A.: Nov. 26, 1984- Two major scientific experiments took place in 1984 and 1985. Both demanded much public attention and consideration. Baby Fae, who made medical history by fighting for life for three weeks with the heart of a baboon beating in her small chest, died when her kidneys began to fail. She was almost one month old.

The 5-pound infant was born with a deformed heart which was inevitably fatal. She lived longer with the transplanted heart than she had with her own heart. She died at Loma Linda University Medical Center in November of 1984.

The night Baby Fae died, she was recovering from an attempt by her body to reject the baboon heart, she received on October 26. Her parents were at her side throughout the entirety of the three weeks.

The Doctor primarily in charge of the operation procedures was Doctor Leonard Bailey. He had hopefully predicted that Baby Fae would be hospitalized for three weeks before going home to lead an almost normal infanthood. "I really believe that (Baby Fae) will celebrate more than one birthday with her new heart," Bailey said in an interview. The disease her heart suffered from is called hypoplastic left heart syndrome, a fatal underdevelopment of the heart that affects approximately one out of every 12 million babies born.

Throughout the three weeks, she received drugs to stop her immune system from rejecting the baboon's heart. She was intravenously fed.

The other dynamic medical experiment was on 52 year old William Schroeder. The doctor was William DeVries who is 40 years old. Thirty-six hours after the heart transplant William Schroeder could breathe on his own. When asked what he wanted to drink after his operation, he replied, "I'd like a beer." He would soon get that. Less than two days after undergoing the operation Schroeder was sharp and feeling frisky. Schroeder's wife says, "he appeared to be more comfortable than he had been for months before the operation."

Schroeder's condition was due to the most common form of heart diseases: atherosclerosis, a narrowing of the arteries that chokes off the blood supply to the heart.

Most people with his disease would be candidates for a heart transplant. But he had two strikes against him. He is 52 years old and not as strong as he was 15 or 20 years ago. He also suffers from diabetes, like 12 million other Americans. A transplant would have been impossible Schroeder because the drugs would throw his diabetes out of control, according to Dr. Salb his family physician. It was Dr. Phillips who suggested the possibility of an artificial heart. Schroeder wanted to go all the way.

Schroeder met the main exigencies for receiving an artificial heart but it was his secondary health problems that worried the doctors. Schroeder was determined healthy enough for the operation and after some rough sailing Schroeder is progressing nicely and rapidly.

Both operations were successful in their own ways, they were technological breakthroughs. Schroeder's operation worked out for the better and showed new advanced medical technology for the future.

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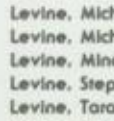

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Our Privacy Is Gone

NEW JERSEY: Jan. 14, 1985— At Piscataway High School in New Jersey, Theodore Choplick, the vice-principal performed an act which led to a very controversial situation. As *Time* magazine reported, "He opened the purse of a 14 year old girl who had been caught smoking in the lavatory. The girl denied that she had been smoking or that she had ever smoked. Choplick figured that the contents of her purse would show whether or not she was lying." The purse was emptied out and cigarettes, marijuana, and some notes proving that she was selling marijuana to others, were relinquished.

After three lower court proceedings, the U.S. Supreme Court stated the new legistation that students can be searched by school officials without a warrant and nothing more than, "reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the rules of the school."

At many other schools throughout the country, school officials as well as parents applauded and were relieved by the law. Justine Byron White talked about school disorder with drugs and crime in schools. He said, "the key is to strike a balance between the schoolchild's right to some privacy and the school's need to keep order."

Some say that this is breaking the rights of the 14th Amendment, which protects your privacy and security. "But teachers and principals feel the decision's effect on day-to-day discpline in the schools," is more important.

Time magazine says, "It sends a message to students that school buildings are . . . off premises to trouble makers."

One principal states, "the rights we had, have been clarified and justified."

Eugene Levy Becomes A Senator

ALBANY: Nov. 12, 1984—Eugene Levy, a Republican, was victorious over Mayor Joseph Savarese. He became New York's new senator. Levy's florescent green campaign signs helped him beat his opponent with more than 67% of the vote. Levy has been in the Assembly for 16 years. Levy believes he was victorious because "It's my direct approach to people. It's important that when a person looks at you and asks a question, you look directly at them and tell them you've got an answer." Levy supports the death penalty, the raising of the legal drinking age to 21, and believes that people should have their choice of abortion. Before the election, Levy had opened a fortune cookie which read, "Tonight will be a lucky night." Maybe Levy had a bit of luck, but the people chose him as the new senator.

Love and Kisses. The Senator's wife and mother give Levy and congratulatory kiss on the cheek after his victory on election night.

New York Adopts Seat Belt Law

Buckle up. Priscilla and Rachel Fleischman buckle up at Nyack's public parking lot.

NEW YORK: Jan. 1, 1985- On January 1, 1985, New York was the first state to enact a law mandating adults to wear seat belts in automobiles. In addition to all drivers and front-seat passengers wearing a seat belt, children under ten sitting anywhere in the automobile must use a seat belt, and any child under four must be strapped into safety seats. If anyone fails to obey these rules, he will be subjected to pay a fine up to $50. Some people believe that wearing a seat belt will save lives in the future. Others believe that wearing a seat belt can be dangerous, because in case of a fire, one will be trapped in his or her car, and this could be deadly. Governor Cuomo said that this new seat belt law will save about 400 lives a year, and will prevent or reduce 70,000 injuries, so buckle up!!

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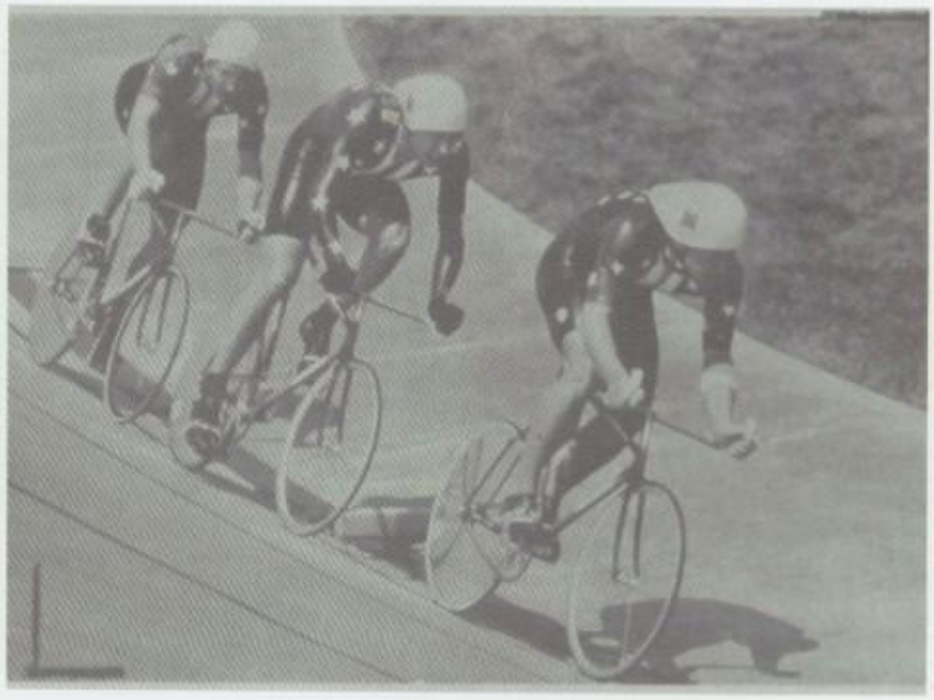
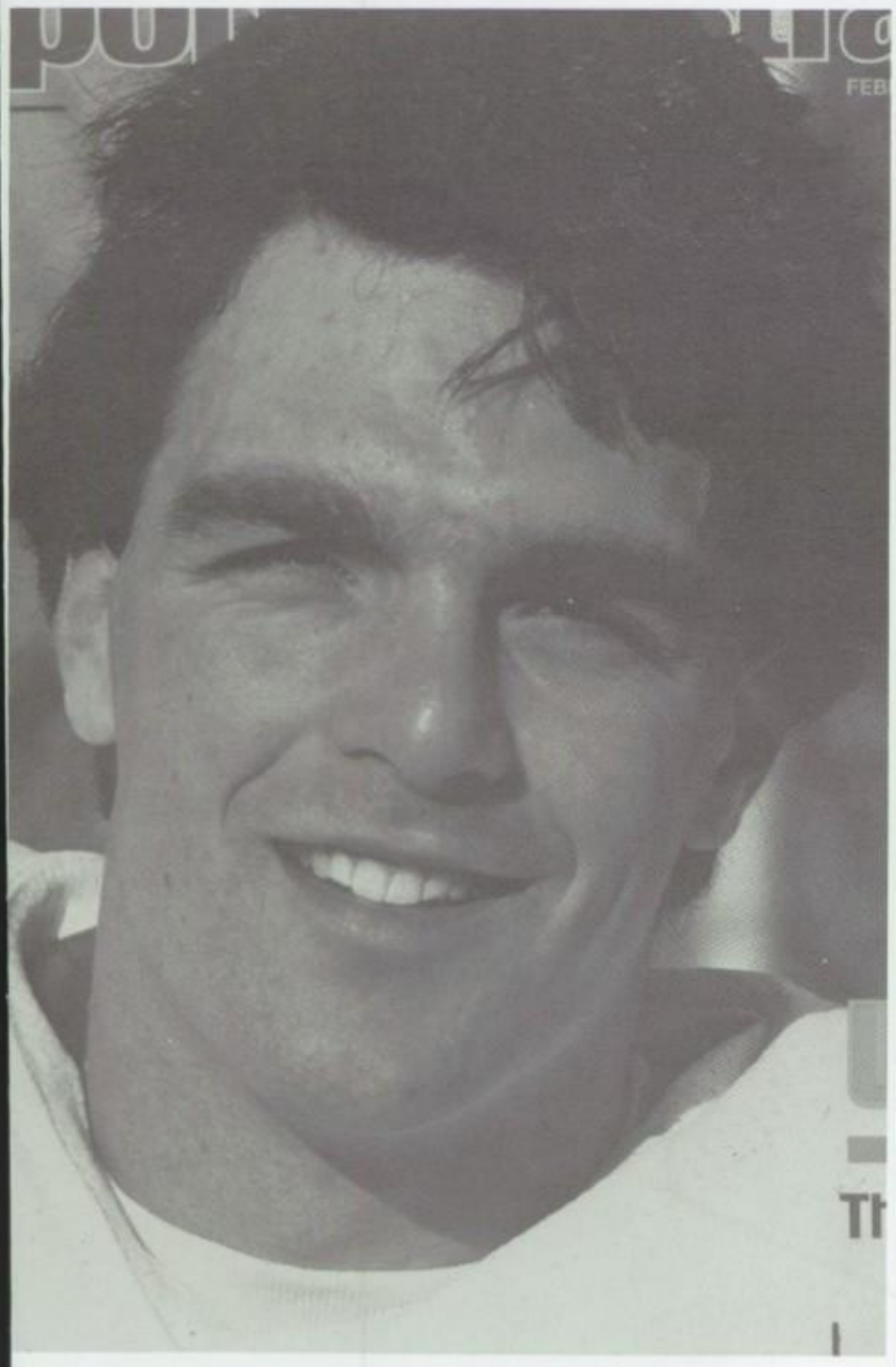
1984 - 1985 Sports In Review

U.S.A.: Jan. 28, 1985-Sports in 1985 were as exciting as ever. In baseball, the Detroit Tigers won their 1st World Series in 20 years, defeating the San Diego Padres in 5 games. Behind talents such as Jack Morris, Alan Trammel, Kirk Gibson, and Lou Witaker, the Tigers were leading the pennant race from the first day to the last and winning more games than any other ball club.

For local ball clubs, the 1984 season was not a total disaster. The Mets had their finest season since the "Miracle Mets" season of 1969. Rising young stars like Darryl Strawberry, Ron Darling, and Rookie of the year sensation Dwight Gooden combined with veterans like Keith Hernandez and George Foster to take the Mets to a second place finish in the N.L. East. The addition of all-star catcher Gary Carter in the winter might be all the Mets need to put them into the 1985 World Series. On the other side of town, the Yankees turned their dismal first half of the season around in the second half and finished the season with a respectable record. The Bronx Bombers were led by all-star Dave Winfield and young sensation Don Mattingly.



Racing onward. Gold Medalist Steve Hegg leads a pack of U.S. cyclists in a race at the Los Angeles Games.



A smiling face. Quarterback Doug Flutie, winner of the Heisman Trophy, smiles after signing a six million dollar contract with the New Jersey Generals.

In football the San Francisco 49ers defeated dynamic Dan Marino and the Miami Dolphins in the Superbowl. Joe Montana turned in the best Superbowl performance ever by a quarterback. Many records were shattered in the NFL this year. Eric Dickerson rushed for more yards than anyone in one single season; Walter Payton broke all time rushing record; Art Monk caught more passes than anyone ever did in one season; and Dan Marino passed for more yardage and touchdowns than anyone ever thought possible. The local Giants turned in a good season making it to the second round of the playoffs. The Jets, however, forgot about the 1984 season and are preparing for 1985.

In college football quarterback Doug Flutie had an amazing season for Boston College and won the Heisman trophy, and Brigham Young, a team that nobody ever dreamed would win a national championship, did just that.

The 1984 Olympics were a big success for the United States. We won more medals than any other country and dominated the games. The USSR, however, did not show up.

In basketball the Boston Celtics won the NBA Championship and in hockey the Islanders lost their 1st Stanley Cup in four years to the "Great" Gretzky and the Edmonton Oilers. 1984 was a memorable year in sports.

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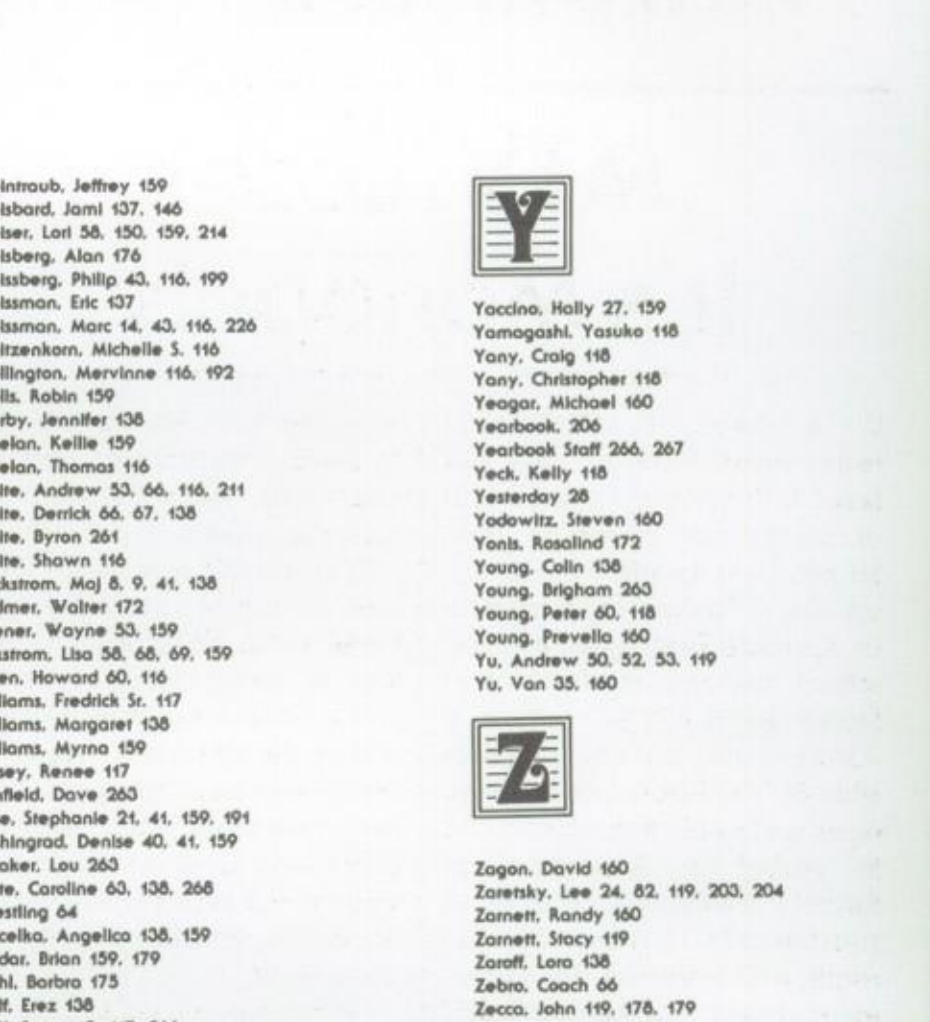

Focusing In. Steven Newman attempts to master th art of photography.

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MTV Loses It's Monopoly

U.S.A.: Sept. 10, 1984-Tests, tests, tests! What a year for tests! In Rockland County, and of course at Ramapo High School, test grades were up, up, up . . . The average Scholastic Aptitude Test scores for high school students in the United States were 471 in math and 426 in verbal, both out of a possible 800. In Rockland the averages were 489 in math and 438 in verbal. In Ramapo High School the average scores were substantially higher; 507 in math, 460 in verbal. These fantastic scores can be attributed to the students themselves and the superb Math and English teachers, who utilized their talents to increase our knowledge.

These scores for Ramapo were a big improvement from the 1983 scores. The average math scores went up 28 points in Ramapo in 1984, and the aveage verbal scores went up 28 points as well. The average Rockland scores also rose considerably: 8 points in verbal and 13 points in math. This rise in scores is a reflection on the students, the teachers and the improving school system. Or was the 1984 test easier?

With all this talk about SAT's we often forget the purpose of these tests. College . . . Let's face it, some colleges are hot while others are not. Since it would be difficult to name all the not-so-hot colleges, here are some of the sizzlers: Brown University, Stanford, Duke, University of Pennsylvania, Northwestern, Georgetown, and West Point.

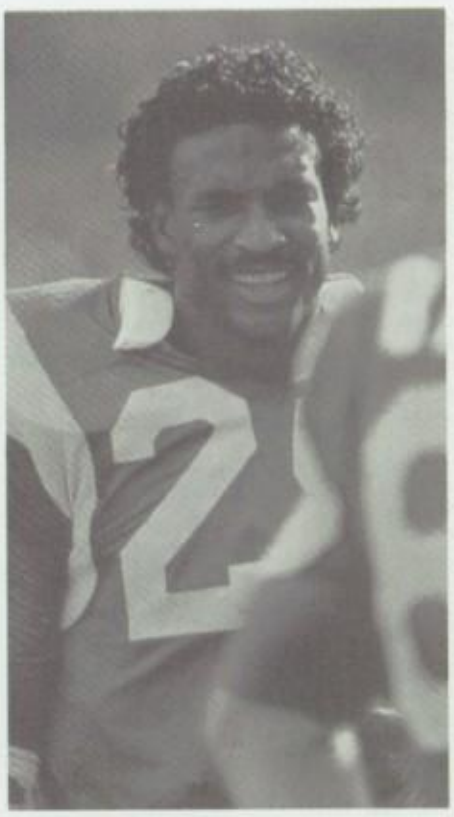
What makes a college "hot," is hard to say. However, "hot" colleges usually combine a top academic reputation with a special campus atmosphere. That special atmosphere could be the climate, as it is at Stanford; it could be the tradition, as it is at the University of Virginia; or it could be the flexible curriculum, as it is at Brown. Whatever the case may be, "hot" colleges often lead to "hot" professional schools, which lead to "hot" careers and eventually "hot" lives.

Sat's And Hot Colleges

U.S.A.: Oct. 15, 1984-It is no secret what a success MTV (Music Televions) has become this past year. More and more cable companies yearn to have the popular ratings and following which MTV has no doubt acquired. The first half of this year, MTV reported a profit of 8.8 billion dollars. MTV is seen in over 23 million households. And that's not all. The same people that brought us MTV are launching an all new music channel, geared to a wider viewing audience. This new channel will be called "Video Hits One," and will show videos of all types of music, including country and jazz. Easy listening music will be played usually during the day, while more popular, funkier music will be exhibited after school hours and at night. However, there is competition on the horizon for MTV. Not only are networks such as ABC, CBS, and NBC showing videos on Friday and Saturday nights, but now MTV will have to more rivals. New cable stations "Cable Music Channel" and "Discovery Music Network" plan to show premiere videos and compete in the same market as the original MTV. With all this competition heading MTV's way, the public may be in store for some exclusive programming and attention grabbers. Maybe they'll cut down on commercials, please?

The Year 1984: People

Dec. 31, 1984 - People made 1984 a most interesting year. Eddie Murphy agreed to host the television show that gave him his start, *Saturday Night Live* . . . Los Angeles Ram running back Eric Dickerson, after capturing the record for yardage gained by a rookie, bought all his offensive linemen Rolex watches. After he set the record for single season rushing yardage, his linemen each demanded a Porsche . . . Julian Lennon, John's son, had much success with his first album, and his song "Valotte" was a top-ten hit . . . Joe Namath, sports' most eligible bachelor for many years, is no longer that. Joe was married this year. Sorry girls . . . When one thinks of Willie Nelson, country music and a beard come to mind. However, half of his image is gone and he still sings country music . . . Princess Diana had a second baby. The name? Henry Charles Albert David. Why not John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt? . . . Jim Brown, after making some disparaging remards about Franco Harris, challenged him to a 40-yard dash. Franco won the dash, but it was Walter Payton who broke Brown's rushing record . . . Elizabeth Taylor decided to end another marriage, this time even before it began! Liz broke off her engagement to a rich Mexican lawyer . . . Also, Rock Hudson, the man all our mothers used to dream about, had a triple bypass. Rock is feeling much better now, and is even appearing on ABC's *Dynasty* . . . Farrah Fawcett became pregnant this year. The father? It's none other than Ryan O'Neil . . . New York Jet Mark Gastineau lost twice this year. He was beaten in an arm wrestling match by a New York bartender. He then was found guilty of assault after beating up a man in the bar . . . if you haven't seen *The King and I* with Yul Brynner you might never have a chance. Yul is making his final tour with the show . . . Unfortunately, 1984 had its tragedies. Teen idol Jon Erik Hexum accidentally shot a gun to his brain. Even though the gun contained only blanks, the pressure of the explosion shattered fragments of his brain and killed him . . . Richard Burton, actor and former husband of Liz Taylor, died of a stroke . . . Actor Peter Lawford died because of drug and alcohol abuse . . . Singer Marvin Gaye was killed by his father . . . One a happier note, the Rolling Stones will still be together in 1985.



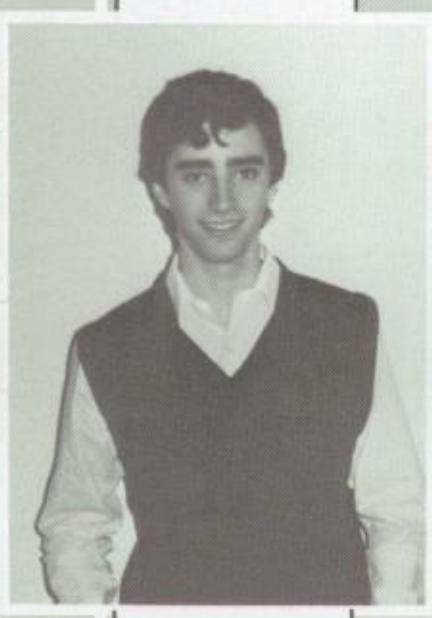
Free Porsches Eric Dickerson may someday give his offensive lineman more than watches.

Arimaspian '85

A yearbook is the production of an entire year contained, in as complete a form as possible. More important than this, it is a means of recalling our years at Ramapo for future years. Accomplishing this was an overwhelming but rewarding task and the editors and staff of the *Arimaspian* have included this editorial so that our readers can appreciate our efforts and decisions to a greater extent.

Work began on the *Arimaspian* last April, organizing the sixty member staff. People were assigned to a particular job or section based both on interest and ability. The first major task for the staff was to select a theme. We began by discussing what makes this year's class unique. Our student body was a diverse one, in talent, personality and individuality, yet united to an unusual extent. The theme developed as we searched for an analogy to express these qualities. At first the student body was compared to the varied colors of the spectrum, and then the paints of an artists pallette. Eventually the concept of masterpiece came to be, and "Our Living Masterpiece" became the theme.

1985 marked some signifigant changes in the publication of the *Arimaspian*. The



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most notable difference is in the actual size of the book, which was increased from 8x11 to 9x12 resulting in more freedom in the layout designs, and larger, more exciting dominant pictures. In keeping with the theme, we opted for a more subtle and classic look for our cover design by choosing saddle brown tones rather than traditional green and gold of previous years. For the first time, a "tip in" photograph was also included on the cover.

The use of contempore dividers both physically and visually divided the sections, allowing the reader to easily turn to a particular section. This also enabled us to include additional pages. More color was added to the Organizations section to attract interest.

Layout style has also changed dramatically. Each section has its own layout characteristics and graphic elements to tie the entire section together.

With all these changes, the editors and staff of the *Arimaspian* hope we have presented the spirit and tradition that characterizes Ramapo in a new and more exciting form. The *Arimaspian* has upheld its tradition of a student publication. Every layout, feature, and photograph in this book is a product of the student editors' and the staff's imagination. Our motivation has and will continue to be self-satisfaction, commitment to excellence, and pride for our school.

Yearbook is a means of expression in that it writes for a future to remember a past. It is a fulcrum of the school in which student interest, politics, economics, and competitiveness must all balance. Beneath all of this are the traditions of excellence in all areas of the school, which contributes to the uniqueness of Ramapo Senior High School. In fact, the previous yearbook, *Arimaspian 1984*, won several awards including: a first place, Special Merit award, from the American Scholastic Press Association; a first place Gold Medal award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Assoc.; second best yearbook in N.Y. state and second best copy in N.Y. State awards from the Empire Scholastic Press Assoc. The editors of the 1985 *Arimaspian* sincerely hope that we have continued to satisfy the appetites of all our readers in keeping with this tradition of excellence.

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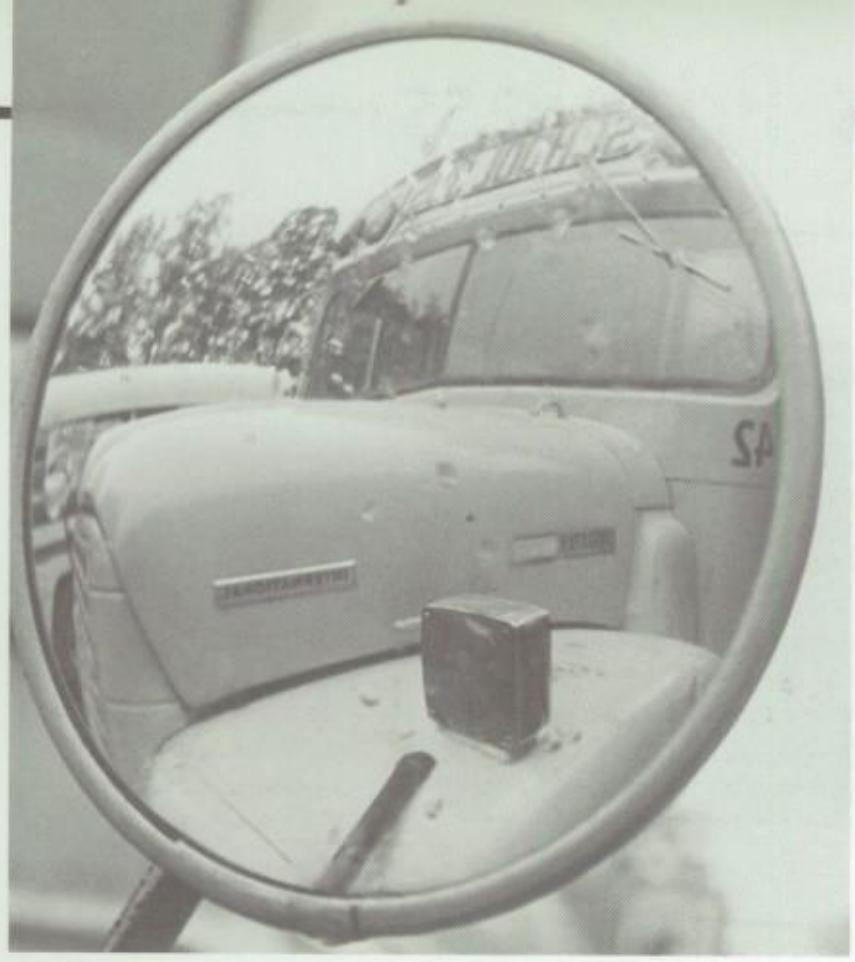


Friends forever. While at Ramapo, Brenda Roger and Dana Taylor's friendship continues to grow.

Reflections. The memories of our past experience at Ramapo are only mirrors of our future.

Glad to be me. As Caroline Witte demonstrates, music is but one of the many ways to express one's individuality at Ramapo.

Our Masterpiece Is Priceless

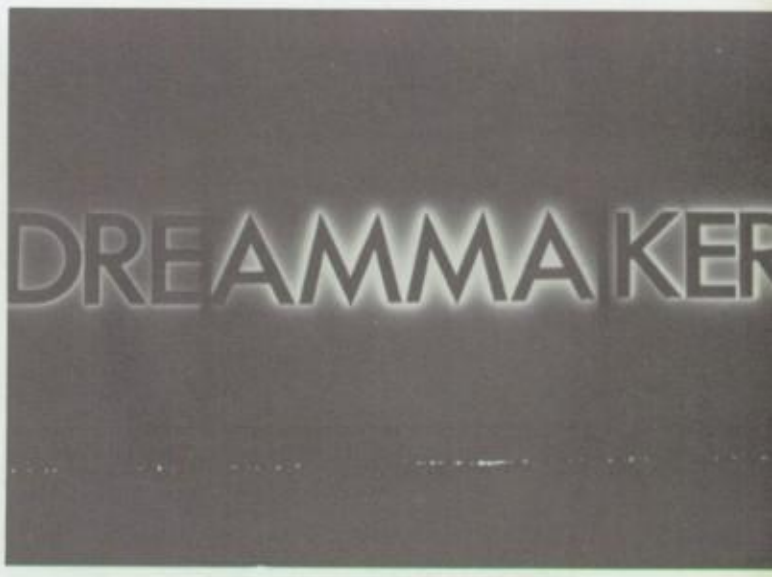
Our masterpiece represented more than book knowledge for it was and always will be an integral part of us as we experienced the vagaries of our youth. Our masterpiece was our individual and collective energy, exuberance, enthusiasm, and love for our school, community, and one another.

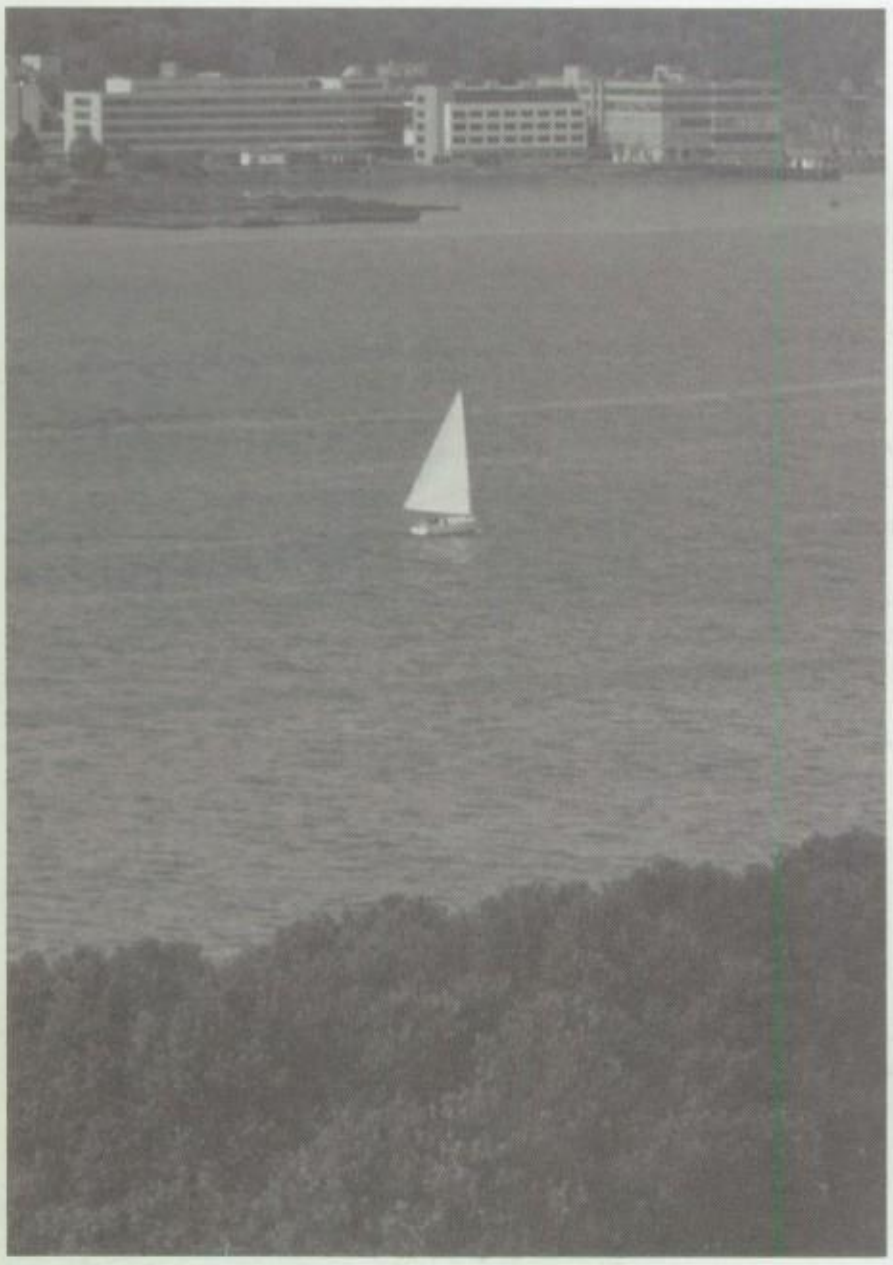
The images reflected on the great canvas come for such special moments in our lives. We were filled with justified pride when we remembered our many outstanding academic and extra-curricular achievements. First time accomplishments, record breaking feats, and championship seasons continued a long standing tradition, delighting students, alumni, and our community. Academic successes including 11 National Merit Finalists, 80 Regents scholarship winners, and acceptances to the most prestigious universities in the nation indicated not only the quality of Ramapo's instruction, but also the dedicated expertise and marvelous personalities of our teachers. Without their total commitment, cold instruction would have been meaningless. However, administration, students and faculty worked in unity to give confidence to our community in a time of growing concern for the state of young America.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the Ramapo masterpiece was its ability to create versatile young men and women with a desire to help others. We were noted for our extensive charitable drives, often led by our nation's number one Key Club. Throughout our high school years, hundreds of Gryphons realized that the community needed them as much as they needed the community. Nursing home visits, hospital service, running a nursery school, and tutoring our fellow students were some of the charitable services we enthusiastically embraced. The subtle nuances and hues found in the canvas of our living masterpiece separated life at Ramapo from life anywhere else. Green and gold spirit-filled pep rallies, the Halloween parades, and special Valentine's Day events were occasions never to be forgotten.

Do not disturb. Although Sabina Katz, Amy Blumenthal, Michelle Kalman and Adam Snider each have their own way of studying, they still enjoy the company of their friends.

Dreams can come true. Ramapo sponsors many educational programs to help students better achieve their goals.

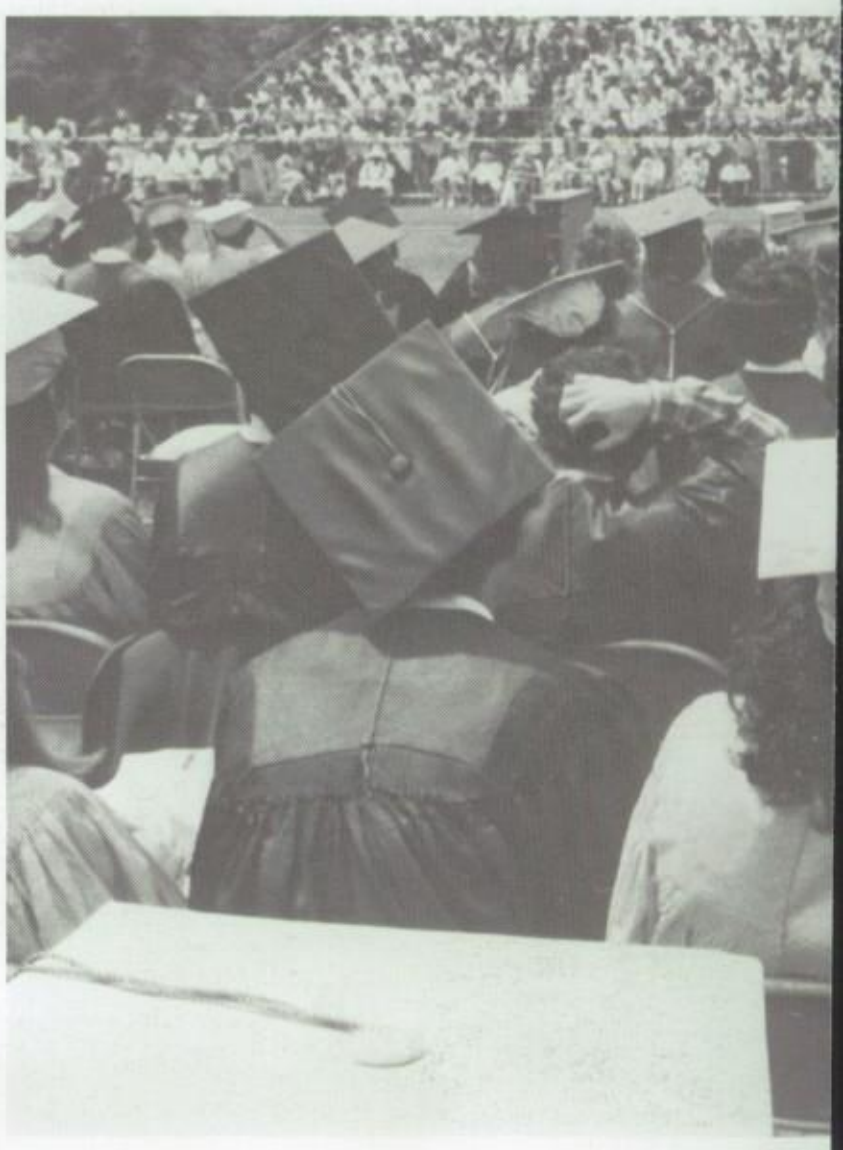




Hallowed Halls. Soon to be filled with the sounds of learning, the school awaits the arrival of students.

Drifting at sea. As the students of Ramapo are a part of our living masterpiece, this sailboat completes this view of the majestic Hudson River.

Three cheers. The school spirit of Ramapo is exemplified by its cheerleaders-Jill Zimmerman, Emily Marcus and Stacey Dresdale.



Our Masterpiece Strengthens The Future

As we have noted, Ramapo will never become an antiquated relic, or an impersonal institutional "machine." Each individual made something extraordinary of his education, and the relationships made along the way were invaluable. So far as we were concerned, although "there is nothing new under the sun," each experience at Ramapo was unique and special to us. Our masterpiece had been in progress and now that progress would continue to achieve our individual perfection.

Our masterpiece will be seen in the world of business, medicine, and politics as we formulate our careers and transform our goals into reality. It will become a part of the creative world as we use our talents in a variety of ways. It will become part of the world of science, as we use our abilities to investigate and discover the unknown. It will become part of the world of entertainment as we utilize the talents discovered, supported, and encouraged by our wonderful musicals, talent shows, music, drama, and art departments. We will strive to become innovative, responsible, and dedicated leaders of our society because we are committed to public service. Relying upon the foundations of our past, we look forward to creating our own little masterpieces within loving, devoted families.

Governor Mario Cuomo wrote us and said that the education we received at Ramapo in a formal and extra-curricular way, constituted a masterpiece-in-progress that would not be completed for many years. Furthermore, he reminded us of what Henry David Thoreau said, "If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours." He further reminded us of what Winston Churchill said, "Never give up. Never, never, never give up."

Charities will know of our masterpiece as we continue to act selflessly; and it will become part of our families and be passed on from generation to generation. Our masterpiece will become an integral part of the world in which we live, making it a little bit better. And best of all, it will continue to enrich our own lives, and it will never leave us.

As well as giving to every one of us, the personalities and talents of each student contributed to the permanent fabric of our *chef-d-oeuvre*. The images on the canvas were the faces of each Gryphon to pass through Ramapo in the past eighteen years. The values had changed with the times, yet we kept the pursuit of excellence at the forefront of our goals. We comprise a living masterpiece that reflects the world in which we live. Ramapo will continually represent an educational community with the will and energy to strive for comprehensive human development. We too have woven our threads through the multicolored tapestry of our living masterpiece.

Master of ceremonies. Mr. Frank Isgro congratulates students on their outstanding academic performance.

Facing the future. Graduation is the end of an era and the beginning of one.

Finishing Touches

ADAM,
WHATS UP MAN? WELL WE MADE IT THROUGH 2ND PERIOD HEALTH, HAD SOME good TIMES getting RIPPED All dAY long. HAVE AN AMAZING SUMMER MAN, KEEP IN TOUCH SOMETIME.
354-7778 BRAD

Dear Adam
hi, I'm really glad I met you this year. Your so sweet. And you & Lisa together in computers- never again. Well good luck next year & always TRy to keep in touch.
425-1498 Love always
Suzanne

Dear Adam,
hi! I remember the 1st time we met. We were on the tracks & Robbie introduced you to me as his brother. that was the end of 9th or the beginning of 10th I don't really remember Those days seem so long ago. Im glad we had Russian History together, its been fun. Before we go to the Rainbee we should do what we did before the other dinner. Good luck in the future!
Love Always
Tracy

Dear Adam,
Your a really great kid. Im gonna miss you. I'll never forget foods. You do a great imitation of Lee. I'll never forget that either. You always made me laugh. I wish you only the best of luck in the future, whatever you do with yourself.
Love
Danielle

Dear Adam
Have a wonderful
life. Love
Janet
~~Montelea~~

Dear Adam:

I'm really glad that we became really close friends this year because your one of the nicest guys I have ever met. I hope when we graduate that we can still see each other. I hope that we stay friends forever.

Love ya always,
Laura Jean

adam,

hi kiddo! you and i have been through a lot this year. it's been tuff, but we've finally made it! i hope in the coming years things start working out for you! i want you to finally be happy! i'll always be here for you, cause your very special to me! i love ya Lisa V (up front too)

Adam
Hi! Well it's over and
I want you to know that I
had the best time in English
Thank God for your help.
Yours was just great to me.
We definitely have to get together
at least one more time
before school ends. Good luck
and keep in touch
Adrienne

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To: Adam it was nice knowing
and may the road keep you,
good luck in College and in the
near future.
your friend
Dear Adam,
we've known each other for a long time and its been great. we had alot of good times together and I will never forget you. your a great person so don't let no hat pussy change you ever. I love you!
Don't forget my phone number
354-5636
Diana Dion

ADAM.

It's ya! What's up? Not much here. It's pretty boring as usual. Well I'm glad we became such great friends. I remember I first met you last year. Outside, you were smokin a cigarette and I guess mingo was walking to me for the first time. It's a good thing I did! Hah! Anyway, I remember the second time around and most important many different things in gym and all things! Always getting out of gas and getting all that good stuff. I remember if ya ever need someone to talk to or anytime you can't find me and I need a friend. I'm always there. OKAY! Good luck in one and whatever you're setting out to do and I hope you find one you love always! Love your coach!

Collect!

P.S. KEEP IN Touch!!

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The book consists of 272 pages, with 60 pages of full color. Employing a contemporary magazine format, the 1985 Arimaspian had a press run of 575. Amen.

Dear Adam-
(You sexy, foxy, gorgeous, lustful, thing of male flesh you!) It's so happy you & I are friends & hope we will be friends forever. U know = what ever you do, you will be great. I wish you all the best. U was excellent! Keep on truckin' 425-3857.
Love Always-
Tracy Stay Stone!

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